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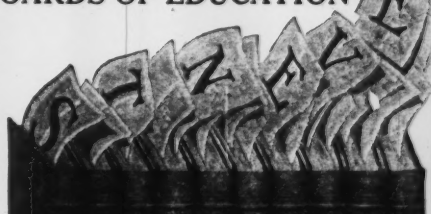

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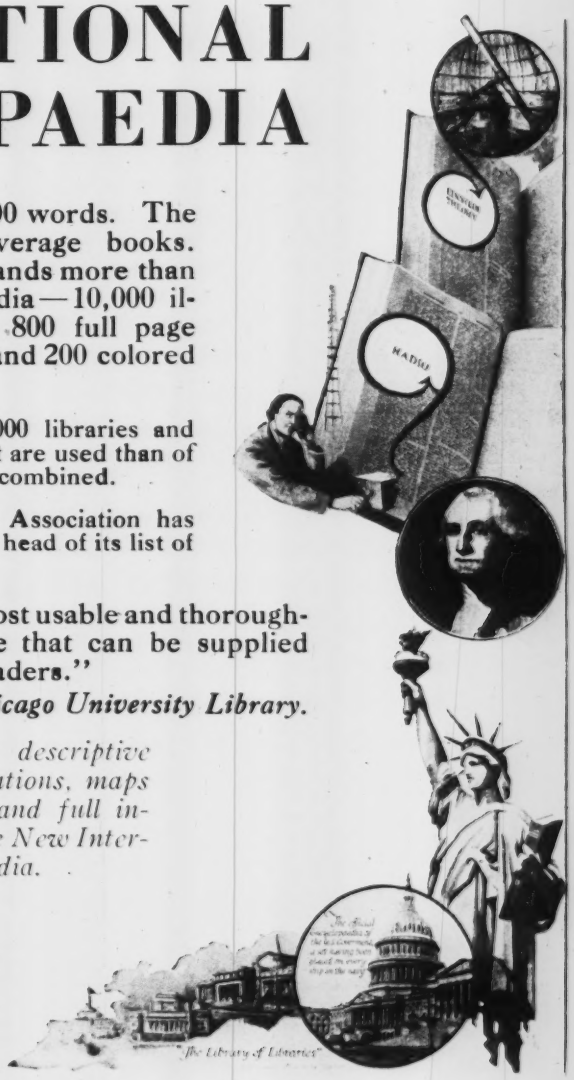

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It has been suggested that D. C. class-numbers appended to book-titles might serve a useful purpose. Except in obvious instances, therefore, indication will be made of the approximate classes into which the various books fall according to the D. C.

History, biography, and sociology stand out most prominently in the past fortnight's new-book offerings. There are Carleton Beals' 'Mexico' (Huebsch), a historico-sociological interpretation (972); Clair Price's 'Rebirth of Turkey' (Seltzer), carrying its survey down to recent events at Lausanne (949.6); Laurance Lyon's 'When There Is No Peace' (Doran), a survey of recent political events in Europe, by the author of 'The Pomp of Power' (940.91); Henry Osborn Taylor's 'Freedom of the Mind in History' (Macmillan), showing the part it has played in civilization (901); Frank Harris's fourth series of 'Contemporary Portraits' (Brentano), including a variety of interesting persons (920); Sir Harry H. Johnston's 'Story of My Life' (Bobbs-Merrill), with its wealth of material on Africa; Samuel Crowther's 'John H. Patterson' (Doubleday), the life-story of the founder of the National Cash Register Company; and James E. Le Rossignol's 'Economics for Everyman' (Holt), one of a number of recent introductory handbooks on social economics (330).

The arts and sciences are interestingly represented by 'Stories of Scientific Discovery' (509), by D. B. Hammond (Macmillan); 'The Kingdom of the Heavens' (520), by Charles Nordmann (Appleton), a book of star-secrets by the astronomer of the Observatory of Paris; 'Time and Timekeepers' (529), by Willis I. Milham (Macmillan), with particularly noteworthy illustrations; 'A Critical Examination of Psychoanalysis' (131), by A. Wohlgemuth (Macmillan), who claims that Freud's theory was still-born; 'How Our Bodies are Made' (612), by R. M. Wilson (Oxford), primarily intended for young people; 'Rejuvenation and the Prolongation of Human Efficiency' (612), by Dr. Paul Kammerer (Boni), elucidating the Steinach method, and probably on the same lines as the Corners book mentioned a fortnight ago; and 'A Simple Course in Home Decorating' (645), by Winifred S. Fales (Small, Maynard), designed for the average home.

The new travel-books include Theodore Dreiser's 'The Color of a Great City' (Boni), treating of varied phases of New York life (917-471); Norman Douglas's 'Together' (McBride), a typical Douglas book, taking the reader thru the Austrian Tyrol (914-364); Mrs. C. Colliver Rice's 'Persian Women and Their Ways' (Lippincott), based on a long sojourn in Persia (915-5); and Lord Curzon's 'Tales of Travel' (Doran, $7.50), high-priced, but surely worth the money (910).

Miscellaneous titles are: 'Some Authors' (820.4), by the late Sir Walter Raleigh (Oxford), being literary essays from the years 1896-1916; 'Representative English Essays' (820.8), compiled by Warner Taylor (Harper) for freshman English classes; 'Mary the Third,' 'Old Lady 31,' and 'A Little Journey' (812), by Rachel Crothers (Brentano), representing three recent Broadway theatrical successes; and 'A Book of Entertainments and Theatricals' (791), by H. S. Dayton and L. B. Bascom (McBride), ranging from small banquets to elaborate pageants.

Dr. Edwin E. Slosson, a former editor of the 'Independent,' whose admirably lucid and popular exposition, 'Creative Chemistry' (unfortunately marred by a propagandist preface) was given gratis to libraries by the Chemical Foundation, has edited, with O. W. Caldwell, an equally remarkable volume, 'Science Remaking the World' (Doubleday, $2.50), giving the latest word in applied science (600). Dr. Slosson is also editing a 'Young People's Shelf of Science' (Macmillan), of which 'Everyday Mysteries' (500), by Charles G. Abbot ($2), and 'Dwellers of the Sea and Shore' (590), by William Crowder ($2.25), have already appeared. Anything from the workshop of Dr. Slosson is worth the attention of even small libraries.

Two books on countries of special interest to Americans, 'The Mexican Nation: a History' (Macmillan, $4), quite up-to-date, by Prof. Herbert I. Priestley, Librarian of the Bancroft Library and Associate Professor of Mexican History, and 'China Yesterday and To-day' (Crowell, $4), by Edward T. Williams, Oriental Professor—both in the University of California—should replace earlier volumes in 972 and 951.

Louis Untermeyer's 'New Era in American Poetry' (Holt), is out of print. In its place a revised edition has been published, with the title, 'American Poetry Since 1900' (Holt, $3.50), which retains about one-third of the earlier work.

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The classification of titles in this annual record follows, in the main, the grouping in the "New Guide to Reference Books" (Chicago, A. L. A. Publishing Board, 1923), to which this article is an informal annual supplement. As a supplement, however, it does not attempt to continue the record of every publication mentioned in the Guide. As a general thing, no mention is made of new volumes of established reference annuals unless some irregularity of publication or change of name, form, or scope, seems to call for comment, and the record of new volumes of other reference sets which are still in progress is selective rather than complete.

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As the time-table upon which the various Wilson indexes are now operating does not call for the issue of any new permanent cumulated volumes during 1923 that year has been rather an off year, for everything except current and annual issues, in the field of general indexes of English and American periodicals. Four new numbers of the English "Subject Index to Periodicals" which have appeared during the year are sections B-E, F, G, and H, which cover respectively the subjects Historical, political and economic sciences, Education, Fine Arts and Music. The index for 1917-19, which was completed as far as the classed lists were concerned, in 1922, still lacks the alphabetical index.

In the field of the more special index several new volumes are to be recorded. The Royal Society's "Catalogue of Scientific Papers" is now one stage nearer completion thru the publication of volume 18 which covers the letters Q-S for the period 1884-1900. This new volume includes 57,765 entries for articles by 10,835 authors, and the impressive total for the 18 volumes of the index so far issued is 337,667 entries for 60,585 authors. A standard foreign index which has been brought nearly to date by the publication of a new six-year volume is the "Catalogo Metodico . . . Soritti Biografici e Critici" issued by the library of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. This new volume covers the years 1913-18, and indexes some 8752 articles in more than 499 periodicals. The total number of biographies and criticisms made easily accessible thru the eight volumes of this Italian index now reaches the total of 79,950 articles in 18,196 volumes.

Several lists of periodicals and society transactions call for mention. Mr. Brigham's fine list of early American newspapers is carried one step further by the publication of part 13 which deals with the section, Philadelphia. Deniker's "Bibliographie des Travaux Scientifiques . . . publiés par les Sociétes Scientifiques de la France," the first volume of which was completed in 1916 after having been suspended since 1897, has entered its second volume. The first part of this new volume, prepared by René Descharmes, carries the alphabet (by *departéments*) from Pas-de-Calais to Sarthes.

Brigham, Clarence S. Bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820. Pt. 13. Philadelphia. (In American Antiquarian Society. Proceedings. n. s. v. 32, p. 81-246).

Deniker, Joseph. Bibliographie des travaux scientifiques . . . publiés par les sociétés scientifiques de la France; vol. 2, pt. 1, par René Descharmes. Paris: Imprimerie Nationale, 1922. p. 1-235. 30 fr.

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Scritti biografici e critici. Nuova serie, volume secondo. Roma: Tip. della Camera dei Deputati, 1921. 350 p.

Royal Society of London. Catalogue of scientific papers. 4th series, 1884-1900, v. 18, Q-S. Cambridge: University press, 1923. 1067 p. 180 s.

A new special index which should be noted here, altho it will be important for only the large reference library or the special library interested in municipal questions, is the Belgian "Tablettes Documentaires Municipales," a fortnightly classed bibliography of municipal affairs which gives references, with abstracts, to selected articles from about two hundred periodicals in some twelve languages. The 1923 volume forms the third year of the bibliography, but only the first year of its printed form as the numbers for 1921-22 were multigraphed. So far there is no cumulation or index to the fortnightly issues.

Tablettes documentaires municipales; bibliographie analytique des études et informations relatives aux questions municipales. 3ème année. Bruxelles, Union internationale des villes, 1923. annual subscription, 60 fr. (Belgian).

Debating

Recent reference aids for high school and college debate work include a new edition, the fourth of the "Debaters' Manual," by E. M. Phelps, and a new handbook series, the "Reference Shelf." The "Manual" is unchanged in the first part, but the appendices containing the selected bibliography and the subject index to debates have been revised to eliminate older references and substitute the latest material. The "Reference Shelf" is a new series, each number of which forms a small handbook on a given subject, of about the size and character of the discontinued "Abridged Debaters' Handbook Series." Twelve numbers, completing the first volume and beginning the second, were issued from November 1922 to September 1923. Two of the twelve numbers are study outlines, the rest are debaters' aids.

Phelps, Edith M. Debaters' manual. 4th and rev. ed. New York: Wilson; London: Grafton, 1922. $1.50.

Reference shelf, briefs, bibliographies, debates, study outlines of timely topics. v. 1-2. New York: Wilson, 1922-23. Subs. per vol. $4.50.

Encyclopedias

New books in English in this field include a new annual encyclopedia, the "Americana Annual," and a new edition of a standard older British work, "Chambers's Encyclopaedia." The "Americana Annual" is a yearbook on the same general plan as the "New International Yearbook," forming an annual supplement to the "Encyclopædia Americana" as the "New International Yearbook" supplements the "New International Encyclopædia." While these two yearbooks parallel each other to a certain extent, there are differences in scope, arrangement, emphasis, fullness of information, selection of subjects, etc., which, in spite of the considerable duplication, will make the new annual useful in the large library which has both encyclopedias and can afford the expense of keeping up subscriptions to two similar annuals. The selection of biographical articles is not the same in the two annuals, and there are, moreover, some differences as to facts; for example, dates of birth or death for the same person sometimes differ in the two works.

The new edition of "Chambers's Encyclopedia," the first since 1900, is the result of a conservative revision which has left unchanged the size, proportion and special characteristics of the work while changing articles for essential accuracy and up-to-dateness. Some articles and many illustrations are the same as in earlier editions, other articles have been altered or practically rewritten, some new articles on new subjects and recent names are added, with the shortening or omission of some earlier articles to make room for this new material. New biographies have been added, tho the biographies, as a whole, are not numerous, and the geographical articles, in general, embody briefly the changes made by the world war. Recent population figures seem to have been given, but a weakness of the revision is the fact that the population figures are often not dated. The bibliographies, which are not very numerous, have in many cases been revised to include recent publications, but as dates of publication are sometimes omitted the amount of this revision is not always clear. The work still has, naturally, the British rather than the American emphasis, and is not a substitute for a larger work such as the "New International" when the latter can be afforded. The large library which needs and uses several encyclopaedias should find it useful, however, especially for cases where shorter, more compact articles are wanted.

While it is not possible to enumerate the new volumes of all foreign encyclopaedias now in progress, there are some which call for special mention. That useful monthly encyclopedia, the "Larousse Mensuel" has been made still more useful for quick reference by the publication of a general index to the fifteen years (five volumes) from 1907 to 1922. This is a cumulation, on the same plan, of the volume indexes, and provides an easily used, up-to-date supplement to the "Nouveau Larousse." The latest member of the Larousse group, the "Larousse universel" has been completed by the issue of fascicle 145, which closes volume two.

Brockhaus "Handbuch des Wissens" has been completed by the publication of the third and fourth volumes. Its brief articles are up to date, but in both paper and typography the book shows the poorer quality of some of the post-

war publishing in Germany. That fine Spanish work the "Enciclopedia Universal" usually referred to as "Espasa," has reached, in volume 50, the word Reuz, but has not yet done anything to bridge the gap left during the War by the omission of volumes 20-28 which were to cover F-K. The new (second) edition of the large Swedish encyclopedia, "Nordisk Familjebok" has been completed, as to its main alphabet, by the publication of volume 34, and a supplementary alphabet has been begun, the section A-Cambon forming the second part of volume 34. A new Swedish encyclopedia of the condensed popular type is "Bonniers Konversations Lexikon" of which volumes 1-3, A-F, have appeared. The format is small, the many illustrations, while small, are generally good and tho the work is too condensed and popular to be needed in the library which can afford the large "Nordisk Familjebok" it should be useful in the branch or smaller public library which needs an encyclopedia for a Swedish speaking clientèle but cannot afford the larger work. The new volumes of "Salmonsens Konversationsleksikon" carry the alphabet to Kvadratrix.

Americana annual, an encyclopedia of current events, 1923. New York: Encyc. Americana Corporation, 1923. 927 p. $9.

Bonniers konversations lexikon. Huvudredaktor Ingve Lorents. Stockholm: Bonnier, 1922-23. v. 1-3. 17.50 kr. per vol.

Brockhaus Handbuch des Wissens. 6. ganz. umgearb. u. wesentlich verm. Aufl. von Brockhaus kleinem Konversationslexikon. v. 3-4. Leipzig: Brockhaus, 1923. v. 3-4. per vol. Gz. M. 17.

Chambers encyclopedia. New edition by David Patrick and William Geddie. London: Chambers; Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1923. v. 1-3. 29 s. each, $7.50 each.

Enciclopedia universal ilustrada Europeo-Americano. Barcelona: Espasa, 1922-23. v. 46-50.

Larousse mensuel illustré. Revue encyclopédique universelle, publiée sous la direction de Claude Augé: Table générale, 1907-1922. Paris: Larousse, 1925. 53 p. 9 fr.

Larousse universel. Directeur, Claude Auge. Le dictionnaire d'après guerre. Paris: Larousse, 1923. v. 2.

Nordisk familjebok; konversationslexikon och realencyklopedi. Ny, reviderad och rikt illustrerad uppl. Stockholm: Nordisk familjebok forlags aktiebolag, 1922-23. v. 32-35. 19 kr. per vol.

Salmonsens konversationsleksikon. 2. udgave redigeret av Chr. Blangstrup. Kjobenhavn: Schultz, 1922-23. v. 12-14.

DICTIONARIES

The 1923 impressions of both the "New Standard Dictionary" and Webster's "New International Dictionary" show some changes. In the "Standard" the changes have been made in the main alphabet by alterations in the plates to allow insertions of new words and meanings. The library which is either buying the "New Standard" for the first time, or replacing a worn-out copy will prefer this new impression because of the added material, but the changes are not extensive enough to displace a still good copy of the 1913 revision. In the case of the Webster no changes are made in the main alphabet, but the prefatory list of new words is extended from 12 pages (its size in the 1922 printing) to thirty-two pages, thus adding many new words, including some not given in the "New Standard." This list of new words is included in both the regular trade edition and the "Reference History Edition," and may also be purchased separately. A new desk hand-book is Vizetelly's "Desk Book of Idioms and Idiomatic Phrases" which not only explains the idioms but also adds so much in the way of quotations and explanations of curious usage that it is as much a handbook of general information as a dictionary. Libraries which did not buy the original edition of "Wright's English Dialect Dictionary" will be interested in the fact that the Oxford University Press has announced the re-issue of that work at a reduced price.

The Swedish etymological dictionary by Elof Hellquist which began publication in 1920 has been completed by the publication of part 16. Pierrehumbert's "Dictionnaire du Parler Neuchatelois" the first numbers of which were noticed in last year's survey, is now nearly half finished, as fascicles 5-6 carry the alphabet into the letter G. A Czech, or Bohemian, dictionary is "Jung's Dictionary of the English and Bohemian languages, second edition." There is a new edition of Eitzen's useful dictionary of English and German commercial terms, which is noted more in detail in the section Social Sciences.

Hellquist, Elof. Svensk etymologisk ordbok. Lund: Gleerup, 1920-1922. 1283p. kr. 68.25.

Jung, Václav Alois. Slovník anglicko-cesky sestavil V. A. Jung. 2. vydani. A dictionary of the English and Bohemian languages. 2d. ed. Praze: Otto [1923?]. 1564p. 24cm.

Standard dictionary. Funk and Wagnalls' New standard dictionary of the English language. . . New York: Funk, 1923. (c. 1913, 1923). illus. pl. buckr. $16.

Pierrehumbert, W. Dictionnaire historique du parler neuchatelois et suisse romand. Publié par la Société d'Histoire du Canton de Neuchatel. Neuchatel: Attinger, 1922-23. fasc. 5-6. 4 fr. 50c. per fasc.

Webster, Noah. Webster's new international dictionary of the English language. . . Springfield: Merriam, 1923. buckr. $16; supplement of new words, separately, $1.

Vizetelly, Francis Horace. Desk-book of idioms and idiomatic phrases in English speech and literature, by Frank H. Vizetelly and Leander J. de Bekker. New York and London: Funk, 1923. 498p. 17cm. (Standard desk-book series). $2.

Philosophy and Religion

A very comprehensive work in one field of Christian missions is the "Christian Occupation of China" prepared under the direction of the China Continuation Committee. This survey, one of the most careful and authoritative works in English on China, presents in great detail with many illustrative maps and charts the present condition of missionary work and influence in China, and should be useful, also, for other than missionary topics, as it contains considerable descriptive, statistical and historical material about the land and its people. This large volume covered the subject so thoroly that the publication of the "China Mission Year Book" was omitted for three years. The 1923 issue of this yearbook, the first to appear since that covering 1919, may therefore be regarded as supplementing the "Christian Occupation" as well as continuing its own set.

A new volume in a set important for reference work in Scottish ecclesiastical history and biography is volume 4 of the new edition of Hew Scott's "Fasti," which covers the Synods of Argyll and of Perth and Stirling, and gives notices and biographies of some 1900 ministers. The appended bibliography of church and parish histories includes both articles and books and is useful for local as well as parish history. Of the large French encyclopedias which are in process of publication, two show considerable progress. Cabrol's "Dictionnaire d'Archéologie Chrétienne" has completed the second half of volume 5, which carries the alphabet thru the name Fustel de Coulanges. The "Dictionnaire de Theologie Catholique" has completed volume 7 and begun volume 8, the last volume extending thru the word *Italie*. The "Vocabulaire Technique et Critique de la Philosophie" which has been in process of publication since 1901 in the *Bulletin de la Société Française de Philosophie* has been completed. It is to be hoped it will soon be reissued in book form.

China Continuation Committee. The Christian occupation of China, a general survey of the numerical strength and geographical distribution of the Christian forces in China, made by the Special Committee on Survey and Occupation, China Continuation Committee, 1918-1921. Milton T. Stauffer . . . editor. Shanghai: China Continuation Committee, 1922. 467p., cxii p. 39cm.

China mission year book, 1923. 11th issue. Shanghai: Christian lit. soc., 1923. 373p. $2.25.

Scott, Hew. Fasti ecclesiae scoticanae; the succession of ministers in the church of Scotland from the reformation. New ed. rev. and cont. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1923. 414p. 25s.

Social Sciences

The many political and economic developments of the War and post-War periods have left all dictionaries of political science and political economy badly in need of revision and bringing to date. The fourth edition of the authoritative German work in this field, the "Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften," which began to appear in 1921 has now made appreciable progress and has completed volumes one and five, covering the sections A-Assignaten and Halfpflicht-Kries. According to the announcements this new edition is to be larger by one volume than the third edition (1910). The standard English work, Palgrave's "Dictionary of Political Economy" has been undergoing revision under the editorship of Henry Higgs, and volume two, the first to appear, has recently been listed as published in England, but as the writer of the article has not yet been able to see a copy no comment can yet be made on it. A new German work of a different type from the "Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften" is the "Politisches Handwörterbuche" edited by Paul Herre, director of the Potsdam archives, and editor of the eighth edition of the "Dahlmann-Waitz Quellenkunde." This new work is a dictionary of political subjects, names, parties, organs, agencies, societies, terms, etc., including earlier periods, but laying special stress upon modern times and the War and post-War periods. There are many biographical articles, including names of people still living. In articles on names and subjects connected with the War a German bias must of course be taken into account.

For labor topics and questions two new issues of annuals may be noted. The 1923 issue of the "International Labour Directory" is much enlarged from the first edition of 1921, containing some 1120 pages as against the 583 pages of the first issue. A new English yearbook is the "Labour International Yearbook," which continues the "Labour International Handbook" of 1921.

In the field of Law several new titles call for comment. A guide to the use of law books and law libraries which tho planned for the law student and user of law libraries, should be almost as useful to the reference worker in a large general library who needs to know something of the difficult subject of law books is "Materials and Methods of Legal Research, with Bibliographical Manual," by Frederick C. Hicks, Law Librarian of Columbia University. This book, which is based upon its author's experience of eight years in teaching legal bibliography to law school students and his longer experience as a librarian, is in three main sections. The first discusses the history and use of various types of law books, the second deals with the law libraries, their arrangement, use, etc., while the third is a "Bibliographical

Manual" which gives important annotated lists of law books, with various appended lists including very full lists of the abbreviations used in citing law books, lists of reports, a complete list of Anglo-American legal periodicals, a list of regnal years given alphabetically for practical use instead of in the conventional chronological arrangement, etc. An excellent new dictionary of English Law is W. J. Byrne's "Dictionary of English Law," which is based upon an earlier work, Sweet's Dictionary, but remade so as to be a new book. A new German dictionary which includes international law is the "Wörterbuch des Völkesrecht und der Diplomatie," of which two parts carrying the alphabet to *Droit de saisie* have appeared.

A German work in a more special field which has just been completed is the "Enzyklopädie des Eisenbahnwesens," edited by Victor von Roll. The tenth and final volume of this set was published in 1923, a few months after its editor's death. As this encyclopedia gives English, French and Italian equivalents of the German terms it serves to a certain extent as a polyglot dictionary of terms as well as an encyclopedia of railroad history, organization, and practice.

A new publication in an important field in which an up-to-date American dictionary has long been needed is "Crowell's Dictionary of Business and Finance," which gives definition of terms, brief encyclopedic articles, etc. While this book should prove useful for popular work, in the absence of a definitive work on the subject, it is, unfortunately, not free from errors. For commercial correspondence, translating, and similar purposes involving the use of English and German commercial terms there is a new edition of the useful "Wörterbuch des Handelssprach" of F. W. Eitzen revised by the author's son, Wilhelm Eitzen, who has attempted to bring the vocabulary to date for the needs of the commerce and business of today.

Byrne, W. J. Dictionary of English law. London: Sweet, 1923. 942p. 63s.

Crowell's dictionary of business and finance. New York: Crowell, 1923. 608p. $3.

Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften, hrsg. von Ludwig Elster, Adolf Weber, Fr. Wieser. Jena: Fischer, 1923. v. 1, 5. M. 1.50 per lfg.

Herre, Paul. Politisches Handwörterbuch, unter redaktioneller Mitwirkung von Kurt Jagow, hrsg. von Paul Herre. Leipzig: Koehler. 1923. 2 v. M. 60. 1923. v. 2. 36s.

Hicks, Frederick C. Materials and methods of legal research, with bibliographical manual. Rochester, N. Y: Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co., 1923. 626p. $6.

International labour office, Geneva. International labour directory, 1923, 3d issue. Geneva, 1923. 1120p. 11s. 6d. $2.75.

Labour international year book. 1923, prepared by the Labour research department. London: Labour Publishing Co. 120p. 2s. 6d.

Palgrave, Robert Harry Inglis. Dictionary of political economy edited by Henry Higgs. London: Macmillan, 1923. v. 2. 36s.

Roll, Victor von. Enzyklopädie des Eisenbahnwesens. 2. vollst. neubearb. Aufl. Berlin: Urban, 1923. v. 10. 533p. Gz. M. 30.

Eitzen, F. W. Worterbuch der Handelssprache . . . neu bearb. und ergänzt von Wilhelm Eitzen. Leipzig: Haessel, 1922-23. 2v. Gz. M. 25.

Wörterbuch des Völkerrechts u. der Diplomatie. Begönnen von Prof. Dr. Julius Hatschek, fortges. von Univ. Doz. Dr. Karl Strupp. 1-2. Lfgn. Aachen-Droit de saisie. Gz. M. 3. per Lfg.

YEARBOOKS AND STATISTICS

For statistical reference work in American libraries the most important development has been the practical completion of the set of reports of the Fourteenth Census of the United States. All volumes of this set have now been issued and distributed except volume 4, Occupations. The general arrangement of the set follows that of the thirteenth census, and the set as a whole makes available a great mass of valuable data for economic, industrial and national questions.

Several yearbooks show some new feature or irregularity of publication which calls for notice. In a single issue the latest volume of the Belgian "Annuaire statistique" covers the period 1914-1919 and brings an important set nearly to date. Users of the very valuable "Official Yearbook of the Commonwealth of Australia" will notice that the bibliography included in the 13th issue is now a basic list, as the lists in the 14th and 15th issues supplement but do not repeat it. The useful "Negro Year Book" has skipped a year, the issue for 1922 covering everything since 1920. The first issue of the "Annuaire Statistique de la République Polonaise," the first part of which was noticed in last year's survey, has been completed by the publication of part 2 which gives the economic and agricultural statistics. Tho it is not an annual, the new edition of the "British Guiana Handbook," the first since 1913, should be noted here, as should also the "Nyasaland Handbook," which contains a large amount of up to date descriptive information.

A new guide to statistics which should be useful in business libraries and large reference libraries having many calls for statistics of prices and production of commodities is the "Source Book of Research Data" compiled by the Bureau of Business Research of New York University. This indicates briefly, for each commodity, the periodicals, government bulletins, reports, etc., which give certain kinds of statistics regularly, with information as to the frequency of the statistics, the date when each set began, etc. A new bibliography of year books

is H. G. T. Cannons' "Classified Guide to 1700 Annuals" which in addition to its main classified list has an alphabetical subject index to the classified list, a list grouped by months of publication, and an alphabetical title list. This guide should be useful in libraries which need many year books, tho the large proportion of British titles may make it less useful in American than British libraries. It is to be regretted that in the case of some annuals no longer published the date of the last issue is not given.

Belgium. Ministere de l'Intérieur et de l'Hygiene. Annuaire statistique de la Belgique et du Congo belge. 46e à 50e année, 1915-1919: 1ère partie, années 1914-1918; 2e partie, année 1919. Bruxelles, 1922. 131p. 240p. 10 fr.

British Guiana handbook, 1922, containing general and statistical information concerning the colony . . . ed. by William Francis and John Mullin, and issued by the Committee of Correspondence and Exhibitions. Georgetown, 1923. 300p.

Cannons, H. G. T. Classified guide to 1700 annuals, directories calendars and year books. London: Grafton; New York: Wilson, 1923. 196p. $1.25.

New York University. Graduate School of Business Administration. Bureau of business research. Source book of research data, a list of reliable current sources of statistics of quantity and price for important commodities, 1923 ed. New York: Prentice-Hall, 1923. 70p. $4.

Negro year book, 1921-22, ed. by Monroe N. Work. Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: Negro Year Book Publishing Co. 1922. 495p. $1.

Nyasaland. A handbook of Nyasaland, comp. by S. S. Murray, chief clerk, Nyasaland Govt. London, Publ. for the Govt. of Nyasaland by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 1922. 314p. 10s.

Poland. Office Centrale de Statistique. Annuaire statistique de la République polonaise. 1ère année, 1921-22. Partie 2. Warsaw, 1923.

U. S. Bureau of the Census. Fourteenth census of the United States taken in the year 1920. v. 1-3 5-11. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1920-23. 10 v. in 12.

Science and Technology

Two of the three important encyclopedias of applied science recently in progress have been finished. Sir Richard Glazebrook's "Dictionary of Applied Physics," which began to appear in 1922, has been completed by the issue of volumes 3-5, which cover respectively the fields of Meteorology and metrology, Light, sound and radiology, and Aeronautics and metallurgy, forming independent dictionaries of those subjects, with a general index in the fifth volume. The quality of the work is high and the completed set should be very useful. Ullmann's "Enzyklopädie der Technischen Chemie," which began publication in 1914, has been completed by the issue of volume 10 which finishes the alphabet and adds a general index. The new edition of Thorpe's "Dictionary of Applied Chemistry" is still incomplete, however, as no volume has appeared since 1922.

The first two volumes of Bashford Dean's "Bibliography of Fishes" appeared in 1916. These constituted the main or author list, and the detailed subject index has been in preparation ever since that date. The third and final volume of this bibliography, just issued, contains several additional lists—periodicals, voyages, and, notably, a list of Pre-Linnean publications—and the very detailed subject index which taken with the preceding author volumes forms a monumental bibliographical encyclopedia of its subject. The index is in two parts, a minutely classified index and an alphabetical key to the classified part, and the classified part is made still more usable by the free use of different styles of type. The reader who needs only the best from the great mass of references is aided by the ingenious use of asterisks and bold-faced dates, which indicate outstanding and absolutely best references in a group. An additional list which calls for special comment is that of the Pre-Linnean works, which have been edited with more detail than the main author list. This list has many historical and bibliographical notes and in many cases indicates the location of copies of the works described.

Several recent medical publications should be noted. The "Reference Handbook of the Medical Sciences," the third edition of which was issued 1913-1917, has appeared in a fourth edition revised with extensive additions by Thomas Lathrop Stedman, the editor of the third edition. A new edition of one of the standard dictionaries of medical terms is Dorland's "American Illustrated Dictionary of Medical Terms," which constitutes the regular biennial revision of this work, issued in the odd years. As Stedman's "Practical Medical Dictionary," also revised biennially, appears in the even years, an up-to-date dictionary of terms is now available every year. A new dictionary of dentistry is Ottofy's "Standard Dental Dictionary."

New editions of several standard engineering works have appeared. The 10th edition of Kent's "Mechanical Engineers Pocketbook," rewritten by Robert Thurston Kent, shows an increase of more than 700 pages over the 9th edition, 1916. Pender's "American Handbook for Electrical Engineers," the first edition of which was issued in 1914, is now available in a second revised edition, enlarged by more than 200 pages. There are new editions also, under slightly changed titles, of the two standard dictionaries of locomotive and car construction formerly called the "Locomotive Dictionary" and the "Car Builders' Dictionary."

The "Encyclopedia of Food," by Artemas Ward, is a new edition of his "Grocers' Encyclopedia" published 1911. It differs from that earlier work in the omission of articles on alcoholic beverages and on the various com-

modities other than foods usually carried by grocers. Some of the articles on foods have been revised and enlarged.

For statistical information on American manufactures the volumes 8-9 of the reports of the Fourteenth Census, already noted, furnish a wealth of material. A new small dictionary of textile terms is "Fabrics and How to Know Them," by Grace Goldena Denny, assistant professor of home economics at the University of Washington. This has brief definitions of fabrics and some processes, with good illustrations.

American Railway Association. Mechanical Division. Locomotive cyclopedia of American practice . . . 6th ed. 1922. . . . Editor, Roy V. Wright. New York and Chicago: Simmons-Boardman Co. [c1922]. 1155p. illus. $8.

—— Car builders' cyclopedia of American practice . . . 10th ed. 1922. . . Editor Roy V. Wright. New York and Chicago: Simmons-Boardman Co. [c1922]. 1192p. illus. $8.

Dean, Bashford. Bibliography of fishes. Extended and ed. by Eugene Willis Gudger, with the coöperation of Arthur Wilbur Henn. vol. 3, including Indices, general bibliographies, periodicals relating to fishes, early works, voyages and expeditions. Addenda and errata of v. 1 and 2. New York: American Museum of Natural History, 1923. 707p.

Denny, Grace Goldena. Fabrics and how to know them. Definitions of fabrics, practical fabric tests, classification of fabrics. Philadelphia: Lippincott [c.1923]. 146p. illus. $1.50.

Dorland, William Alexander Newman. American illustrated medical dictionary . . . 12th ed. rev. and enl. Philadelphia and London: Saunders, 1923. 1296p. illus. plates.

Glazebrook, Sir Richard. Dictionary of applied physics. v. 3-5. London and New York: Macmillan, 1923. 3 v. 63s. each.

Kent's mechanical engineers handbook, by the late W. Kent, 10th ed. rewritten by Robert Thurston Kent, editor in chief. New York: Wiley, 1923. 2247p. $6. leath. $7.

Ottofy, Louis. Standard dental dictionary. Chicago: Laird and Lee, 1923. 480p. illus.

Pender, Harold. Handbook for electrical engineers. 2d. ed. rev. enl. New York: Wiley; London: Chapman. New York: Wood, 1923. 8 v. illus. $80.

Reference handbook of the medical sciences. . . . 4th. ed. rev. with additions by Thomas Lathrop Stedman. New York: Wood, 1923. 8 v. illus. $80.

Ullmann, Fritz. Enzyklopadie der tchnischen Chemie. v. 12. Berlin: Urban, 1923. v. 12.

Ward, Artemas. Encyclopedia of food. New York: Artemas Ward, 1923. 596p. illus. 28cm. $10.

FINE ARTS

Bénézit's "Dictionnaire Critique et Documentaire des Peintres, Sculpteurs, Dessinateurs et Graveurs" has been so useful in spite of the fact that the volumes previously issued carried the alphabet only thru K, that it is a satisfaction to record the publication of volume three which finishes the alphabet and adds a dictionary or index of monograms. This provides a good modern work for the whole alphabet, which is especially important in view of the fact that the large Thieme "Lexikon," tho making some constant progress, is not yet half way thru the alphabet. Volume 16 of the Thieme, published in 1923, carries the work thru the name Henbach.

The large French "Encyclopédie de la Musique et Dictionnaire du Conservatoire" has been completed, as far as its first section, History of music, is concerned, by the issue of the concluding fascicles of volume five of this first part; but no parts of the second or third parts have yet appeared. The work now consists of the five large volumes of the first part, paged continuously to page 3405. A smaller work in a more restricted field is a "Dictionary of Old English Music," by Jeffrey Pulver, which deals with the music of the Tudor and Stuart periods. Most of the articles are on instruments, but some articles on other subjects and terms are included.

Bénézit, Emanuel. Dictionnaire critique et documentaire des peintres, sculpteurs, dessinateurs et graveurs de tous les temps et de tous les pays. v. 3, L-Z. Paris: Roger et Chernoviz, 1923. v. 3, 1163p. Complete work, bound 325 fr.

Encyclopédie de la musique et Dictionnaire du conservatoire. Fondateur, Albert Lavignac; Directeur, Lionel de la Laurence. Première partie: Histoire de la musique, v. 5. Paris: Delagrave, 1922. v. 5, p. 2484-3403, 65 fr.

Pulver, Jeffrey. Dictionary of old English music and musical instruments. London: Kegan Paul; New York: Dutton, 1923. 247 p. 12s. 6d.

Thieme, Ulrich. Allgemeines Lexikon der bildender Künstler, von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart. Leipzig: Seemann, 1923. v. 16.

LITERATURE

"Modern Eloquence" edited by Professor Ashley H. Thorndike, is a new edition of a well-known older collection, Reed's "Modern Eloquence," much altered, however, from the earlier work, with changes in arrangement, inclusion of new groupings such as the business and industrial addresses and the "masterpieces" volumes, excision of much of the earlier material of which only about one-third is left, and inclusion of many recent speeches. For reference work in fiction two works should be noted. The new edition of Miss Firkins' very useful "Index to Short Stories" is half again as large as the first edition (1915), and indexes many additional authors as well as additional titles for authors previously included. A total of 17,288 stories are indexed representing more than 800 authors of whom 327 are foreign writers whose stories are available in translations and the remainder English and American. This new edition will be an indispensable reference tool in the many types of general libraries in which the first edition proved so useful.

A new number in the Wilson "Standard Catalog Series" is the "Standard Catalog: Fiction Section," compiled by Corinne Bacon. This is an author and title catalog of some 2,350 novels and volumes of short stories recommended as best for public library purposes, with indication of best edition, many carefully chosen annotations, and a useful subject index. It will be useful not only for purposes of book selection but also for various types of reference questions about the novels included. A new edition of a standard handbook of literary allusions is Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, New Edition," which shows many changes from the older work. Of the various author bibliographies issued during the year, special mention may be made of Carpenter's "Reference Guide to Edmund Spenser," and Griffith's "Alexander Pope, a Bibliography." The one volume of this latter so far issued is described as merely the first part of a larger work. In the field of earlier literature a title which should be noted is the second supplement to Wells' "Manual of the Writings in Middle-English," which continues the basic work by presenting a record of the additions and modifications of the period September 1918-January 1923. The appearance of the 1920 volume of the "Jahresbericht über die Erscheinungen auf dem Gebiete der Germanischen Philologie" marks the revival of a standard annual bibliography which had been discontinued since the issue for 1912 (published 1914).

New titles of value for reference work in French literature are so numerous as to form a group by themselves. Several large illustrated histories of the literature are appearing at about the same time. In Hanotaux's "Histoire de la Nation Française" volumes 12 and 13 are a history of French literature by Joseph Bédier, Alfred Jeanroy, and F. Picavet, for the earlier period, and Fortunat Strowski for the later. Both volumes are fully illustrated. Two profusely illustrated histories now in progress are Lanson's "Histoire Illustrée de la Littérature Française," the text of which is his well known history of French literature, illustrated with some 800 pictures, in color as well as black and white, from early and contemporary sources, and the "Histoire de la Littérature Francaise Illustrée" edited by Joseph Bédier and Paul Hazard. The text of this latter is new, and in addition to the numerous carefully selected illustrations, some in colors, there are many bibliographical notes important for reference purposes. Several developments in current French bibliography which have, or promise, reference value should be noted. The "Bibliographie de la France" has been publishing as a separately paged supplement, a series of "Causeries Littéraires" lectures on French authors delivered before the Cercle de la Librairie, each one of which is supplemented by a detailed bibliography of the author in question. The *Bulletin de la Maison du Livre* has been including in its issues of the past two years many bibliographies of the work of modern French authors. These lists vary in length and value but, as many of them are on recent writers for whom separate bibliographies have not yet been compiled, they have a distinct tho not final reference value. Both of these series of bibliographies will be made more convenient for quick reference use by the fact that they are to be indexed in the *International Index*. A new French card bibliography is "La Fiche Bibliographique" which presents on large cards (5 by 8 inches) a series of bibliographies of French authors with indication of edition, collaboration in other works, prefaces and lists of books and articles about each writer, the whole containing considerable material not included in book bibliographies, such as Lanson or Thieme.

Bédier, Joseph, and Hazard, Paul. Histoire de la littérature française illustrée. Paris: Larousse, 1923—. To be completed in about 50 fascicles (2 v.) 2 fr. per fasc.

Brewer, Ebenezer Cobham. Dictionary of phrase and fable. New ed. London: Cassell, 1923. 25s. 1157p.

Carpenter, Frederick Ives. Reference guide to Edmund Spenser. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press, 1923. 333p. $3.50.

(La) Fiche bibliographique française (première série de 100 fiches). Etablié par Hector Talvert. La Rochelle: Pijollet, 1923. 100 cards, printed on both sides, 5″ x 8″. 50 fr.

Firkins, Ina TenEyck. Index to short stories. 2d and enl. ed. New York: Wilson, 1923. 537p. $12.

Griffith, Reginald Harvey. Alexander Pope, a bibliography. Pt. 1. Austin: University of Texas, 1922. 297p. (Univ. of Texas studies).

Histoires des lettres: Première volume. Des origines à Ronsard, par Joseph Bédier, Alfred Jeanroy et F. Picavet; 2e volume, De Ronsard à nos jours, par Fortunat Strowski. Paris: Plon Nourrit, 1921-23. 2 v. (In Hanotaux, Gabriel. Histoire de la nation française. v. 12-13).

Jahresbericht über die Erscheinungen auf dem Gebiete der germanischen Philologie, hrsg. von der Gesellschaft für deutsche Philologie in Berlin. 42. jahrg. 1920. Berlin, 1923.

Lanson, Gustave. Histoire illustrée de la littérature française. Tome 1. Des origines jusqu'au 17e siecle. Paris: Hachette, 1923—. v. 1, 460p. To be completed in 2v. 180 fr. per vol.

Modern eloquence, founded by Thomas B. Reed. Editor, Ashley H. Thorndike. New York: Modern Eloquence Corp. [c. 1923]. 12v. $56.50.

Wells, John Edwin. Second supplement to the Manual of the writings in Middle English, 1050-1400. Additions and modifications, September 1918-January 1923. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1923. $1.

Wilson, H. W., firm, publishers. Standard catalog series. Fiction section. Compiled by Corinne Bacon. New York: Wilson, 1923. 153p. $1.

BIOGRAPHY

Many large works which are in process of publication show progress. The new volume of Scott's "Fasti," and the final volume of Bénézit's "Dictionnaire des Peintres" have already been noted in preceding sections. The second volume of "Alumni Cantabrigienses" carries the record for the earlier period thru the letter J. "Winchester College, 1867-1920, a Register" contains brief biographical notices of men educated at that famous school.

The sets of Scandinavian national biography all show progress. The "Svensk Biografisk Lexikon" has now advanced into the fourth volume. The second volume of the "Dansk biografisk Haandleksikon," completed in 1923, carries the alphabet thru Nordby, while of the newest work in this field, the "Norsk Biografisk Leksikon," the first volume, A-Bjornson, has been finished. The length of the most important articles in this last is indicated by the fact that nearly seventy pages, including three pages of bibliography, are devoted to Bjornstjerne Bjornson.

A new French regional work which has just been begun is the "Bibliographie Lyonnaise" of the Abbé Martin. This is a bibliography rather than a formal biographical dictionary, but as it contains brief biographical data for each author, and in most cases, a reference to a printed authority containing fuller biography, it is noted here. A new edition of a special French list containing brief biographies of names which are needed for cataloging reference as well as general reference work is the centenary issue of the "Livret" of the Ecole des Chartes.

In the "who's who" class of biographical handbooks, there are both new titles and new volumes of established sets. Among the new titles should be noted "Thom's Irish Who's Who" which gives biographies of some 2500 Irish men and women, both in Ireland and overseas. "Who's Who in Banking and Finance," gives principally American names with a supplement of Canadian names. New volumes in established sets include: "Vem är Det, 1922," the regular biennial issue of this Swedish Who's Who; an eighth edition of the German "Wer Ist's" which as the first issue since 1913, is greatly changed; and a 1922 issue of the "Biographical Directory of Railway Officials of America" the first revision since the issue of edition of 1913. A supplementary volume to the "Schweizerisches Zeitgenossen Lexikon" has also appeared.

Biographical directory of the railway officials of America, 1922 edition, ed. by E. T. Howson, D. A. Steel, and J. B. Tebo. New York: Simmons Boardman Co., 1922. 717p. $6.

Cambridge University. Alumni cantabrigienses: a biographical list of all known students, graduates and holders of office at the University of Cambridge from the earliest times to 1900, compiled by John Venn and J. A. Venn. Part 1, from the earliest times to 1751, v. 2, Dabbs-Juxton. Cambridge: University Press, 1922. 150s.

Dansk biografisk haandleksikon, redigeret af Svend Dahl og P. Engelstoft. 2. bd. Hansen-Nordby. Kjobenhaon: Gyldendal, 1923. v. 2. 788p.

Norsk biografisk leksikon. Redaktion: Edv. Bull, Anders Grogvig Gerhard Gran. Bind 1. Aabel—Bjornson. Kristiania: Aschehoug, 1923. v. 1, 677p.

Paris. Ecole des Chartes. Livret de l'ecole, Liste alphabetique des archivistes paléographes. . . . Paris: Picard, 1921. (In its Livre du centenaire, 1821-1921, vol. 2).

Martin, Jean Baptiste, abbé. Bibliographie lyonnaise; ouvrage comprenant: 1, Un répertoire alphabetique des Lyonnais dignes de mémoire, biographie et bibliographie des personnages appartenant aux provinces de Lyonnais, Forez, Beaujolais, Dombes, Bresse et du département du Rhone; 2, Une bibliographique géographique. Tome 1, A-Bia. Lyon: Auteur, 1922. 353p. 22 fr.

Schweizerisches Zeitgenossen-lexikon. Dictionnaire biographique de la Suisse . . . Hrsg. von Hermann Aellen: Engänzungs-band. Locarno: Südschweizerische Verlagsanstalt, 1923. 124p. 3 fr.

Svensk biografisk lexikon. . . Redaktor, Bertil Boethius. 2. bd. Stockholm: Bonnier, 1922-23. v. 3-4. kr. 58 per vol.

Thom's Irish who's who, a biographical book of reference of prominent men and women in Irish life at home and abroad, 1923. Dublin: Thom; London: Daniel O'Connor, 1923. 266p. 12s. 6d.

Vem är det. Svensk biografisk handbok, 1923. Stockholm: Norstedt [1922]. 740p. kr. 14.

Wer ist's. Biographien von rund 20,000 lebenden Zeitgenossen. Leipzig: Degener, 1922. 1792p. Gz. M. 12.

Who's who in finance and banking, a biographical dictionary of contemporaries, 1920-22, ed. by John William Leonard. 875p. $12.50.

Winchester College, 1867-1920, a register; edited on behalf of the Warden and fellows of the college by Henry John Hardy. Winchester (England): P. and G. Wells, 1923. 579p.

GEOGRAPHY

A new reference book of importance both as an aid to reference work on geographical questions and as a guide to the selection of certain kinds of geographical publications for the library is "Aids to geographical research" by John Kirtland Wright, librarian of the American Geographical Society. Tho planned for the research worker in its special field it is equally useful to the library worker who needs to know the special tools. The list of geographical periodicals and bibliographies given in Part 5 with both descriptive and critical annotations, is important as a check list in building up a collection.

Several of the post-war atlases have been completed while others show substantial progress. The fine French "Atlas Universel" has been completed by the publication of a detailed

index. The new (8th) edition of "Andrees Handatlas" appeared in 1922, and 34 Lieferungen of the new Stieler have now appeared since the issue of the first in 1921. A new Italian atlas, at moderate cost, is the "Grande Atlante Geografico" by Mario Baratta and Luigi Visintin. An excellent guide to the new atlases is the article on "Post-War Atlases" by W. L. G. Joerg, of the American Geographical Society, printed in the *Geographical Review* for October 1923, which both describes and evaluates the new atlases and indicates those which are recommended as best for different types of libraries.* A third edition of W. R. Shepherd's "Historical Atlas" adds one new map and corrects some errors.

Andree, Richard. Andrees allgeemeiner Handatles in 228 Hauptund 198 Nenenkarten. Mit vollstandigem alphabetischem Namenverzeichnis in besonderem Bande. 8. neubearb. und verm. Aufl. Hrsg von dr. Ernst Ambrosius. Bielefeld: Velhagen, 1922. 2 v.

Baratta, Mario, and Visintin, Luigi. Grande atlante geografico: 102 tavole di geografia fisica, politica ed economica con 250 carte e cartine ed indice dei nomi. Edito sotto gli auspici del Ministero per l'Industria e commercio, e della Reale Societa Geografico Italiana. Novara: Istituto Geografico de Agostini, 1922. L. 100.

Joerg, W. L. G. Post-War atlases: a review. *Geographical Review*, vol. 13, p. 582-98, October, 1923.

Shepherd, William Robert. Historical atlas. 3d rev. ed. New York: Holt, 1923. 216p., 94p. 139 col. maps. $3.90.

Stieler, Adolf. Stieler's Handatlas. 108 Karten in Kupferstich. Hundertjahrausg. neubearb. von Dr. H. Haach. 10. Aufl. Gotha: Perthes, 1921-23. Lfgn. 1-34.

Vivien de St. Martin, and Schrader, Franz. Atlas universel de geographie. . . Nouv. ed. conforme aux traités de paix et conventions de 1919-22. Paris: Hachette, 1921-23. 15, 86p. 80 double maps.

Wright, John Kirtland. Aids to geographical research: bibliographies and periodicals. New York: American Geographical Society, 1923. 243p. (American Geog. Soc. Research ser. 10). $3.50 ($3 to libraries).

History

The "New Larned History for Ready Reference" which was begun in 1922 is now half finished; volumes 3-6 published in 1923 carry the alphabet partly thru the letter L. A new reference work for ancient history is the "Cambridge Ancient History," the first volume of which covers Egypt and Babylonia to 1580 B. C. This new work which is to be completed in eight volumes, is planned as the first part of the series to which the "Cambridge Modern History" and the "Cambridge Mediaeval History" belong, and will go to the year 324 A.D., the year at which the "Cambridge Mediaeval History" starts.

A new bibliography of the War is a "Select Analytical List of Books concerning the Great War" by the late Sir George Prothero. This is a classified, annotated list, with an alphabetical author index, of some eight thousand titles, most complete for British material but rich also in French, with a list of British state papers which is said to be exhaustive. Other recent bibliographies of the War include a new volume (the eighth) of the Leblanc collection, forming the fourth volume of the bibliography in that set and the extensive list given under the heading European War in the new volume of the "Subject Index" of the London Library.

Several works on the history of separate countries should be noted. For the bibliography of French history of the seventeenth century there is the third volume of Emile Bourgeois' "Sources de l'Histoire de France, 17e Siecle" which deals with the biography of the period. The two fine illustrated histories of France, by Lavisse, are made even more useful for ready reference by the issue of a general index which includes both sets in the one alphabet. This forms volume ten of the "Histoire de France Contemporaine" and contains both a detailed index of subjects and names and an index of illustrations.

A new dictionary of French history of the 17th and 18th centuries is the "Dictionnaire des Institutions de la France au 17e et 18e Siècles" by Marcel Marion, professor at the College de France, which covers institutions, organization, customs, corporations, religious organizations, places which involve or illustrate a some question of administration, etc., of the period. The articles are compact, with some bibliographies. As the only other dictionary of this type has been the older but still often useful work of P. A. Cheruel, which tho several times reissued is practically unrevised since its first edition of 1855, this new dictionary should prove a very useful reference tool for its special period.

The "Bibliographie der Schweizerigeschichte" which serves as the annual continuation of Dr. Hans Barth's bibliography is now being issued as a supplement to the *Zeitschrift fur Schweizerische Geschichte.* Two issues, both compiled by Helen Wild, have appeared in that form. The "Encylkopaedie van Nederlandsch-Indie" the second edition of which was completed in 1921, is being continued by a supplement of which five numbers have appeared. A new five-year volume of the very comprehensive index to periodical literature about the Dutch colonies has been issued. This covers the period 1916-1920.

Bibliographie der Schweizergeschichte. 1920-1921, von Helen Wild. Zurich: Leemann, 1921-23. 2 v. (Beilage zur Zeitschrift fur Schweizerische Geschichte, 1921, 1922). 3 fr. each.

Bourgeois, Léon. and Louis André. Les sources de l'histoire de France: XVII siècle (1610-1715). t. 3, Biographies. Paris: Picard, 1923. v. 3. 12 fr.

* Some reprints of this article are available for distribution to libraries, upon application to Mr. Joerg, American Geographical Society, New York City.

Cambridge ancient history, ed. by J. B. Bury, S. A. Cook, F. E. Adcock, vol. 1, Egypt and Babylonia to 1580 B.C. Cambridge: University Press, 1923. v. 1, 704p. 35s.

Encyklopaedie van Nederlandsch-Indie: Annvullingen en wijziginen. 's-Gravenhage-Leiden: Nijhoff, 1923. pts. 1-5.

Larned, Josephus Nelson. New Larned history for ready reference and research . . . completely revised enl. and brought up to date by Donald E. Smith, Charles Seymour, Augustus H. Shearer and Daniel C. Knowlton. Springfield: Nicholls, 1923. v. 4-6. Whole set, 12v. $96.

Lavisse, Ernest. Histoire de France contemporaine tome 10, Tables générales des origines à la Paix de 1919. Paris: Hachette, 1922. 357p.

Leblanc, Henri. Collection Henri Leblanc . . . La grande guerre . . . tome 8 . . . quatrième volume de la bibliographie. Paris: Emile-Paul, Frères, 1922. v. 8, 470p.

Marion, Marcel. Dictionnaire des institutions de la France au 17e et 18e siècles. Paris: Picard, 1923. 564p. 35 fr.

Prothero, Sir George W. Select analytical list of books concerning the Great War. London: Stationery Office, 1923. 431p. 15s.

Repertorium op de literatur betreffende de nederlandsche kolonien. Vijfde vervolg, 1916-1920. 's-Gravenhage: Nijhoff, 1923. 508p.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

A standard work of national bibliography which seemed to be at a standstill for a while has resumed its progress. This is the Italian "Catalogo Generale" of Pagliaini, which has recently completed the last volume of the subject index to the basic set, 1847-1899 and begun a second supplement to the author volumes, to cover headings and to reference workers for help in the decennium 1911-1920. Of this new supplement, two numbers, A-Bet, have appeared. For German anonyms there is a list by Alfred Rosenbaum, supplementary to the "Anonymen Lexikon" of Holtzmann and Bohatta, the first number of which is printed in the *Zeitschrift fur Bücherfreunde*. Wouter Nijhoff's "Nederlandsche Bibliographie" which has been in progress for some time, has been completed by the publication of the last of the index sections. A new volume of Bloom's "English Tracts, Pamphlets and Broadsides" covers the counties of Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire and furnishes, in addition to the record of the publications, brief biographies of their authors. A welcome new title, in a field of national bibliography not recently covered, is the "Canadian Catalogue, 1921-22," compiled by the Toronto Public Library. This lists over five hundred books, pamphlets and government documents, giving details of author, title, publisher, place and date, and in the case of the books, the price as well. A current list of Canadian publications has long been needed and it is to be hoped that this new catalog will be continued as a regular annual list.

An unusual number of works designed to aid in book selection appeared during 1923. The fiction section of the "Standard Catalog" has already been noticed in another connection. For purpose of book selection in general in the average public library the most useful of the new lists is the new volume of the "A. L. A. Catalog" edited by May Massee, which covers the period 1912-23, with record also of new editions of books recorded in earlier catalogs. Sonnenschein's "Best Books, 3d edition," which had been at a standstill since the issue of part two in 1910, has been continued by the publication of part three which covers the sections of history, historical biography, archaeology and historical collateral, and includes a selected bibliography on the European War. A new edition of a smaller English list is the second edition of Grey's "Books That Count."

A library publication of special use and importance is the new volume of the "Subject Index of the London Library" by C. T. Hagberg Wright and C. J. Purnell. This covers the period 1909-22 in continuation of the main subject index published 1909, and, like the earlier work, will be useful to catalogers as an aid in subject headings and to reference workers for help in subject bibliography. Its list under the heading European War furnishes an addition to existing bibliographies of that subject. An important author catalog which has been completed in the "Catalogue of Printed Books" of Edinburgh University Library.

A. L. A. catalog, 1912-1921, ed. by May Massee. Chicago: A. L. A. Publishing Board, 1923. 409p. 26cm. $4.

Bloom, James Harvey. English tracts, pamphlets and printed sheets, a bibliography. II. Early period 1473-1650, Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. London: Wallace Gandy, 1923. 459p. 63s.

Edinburgh University Library. Catalogue of the printed books. v. 3.

Gray, W. Forbes. Books that count, a dictionary of useful books. 2d. ed. London: Black, 1923. 499p. 7s. 6d.

London Library. Subject index; volume 2, Additions, 1909-1922. London: 1923. 1083p.

Nijhoff, Wouter, and Kronenberg, M. E. Nederlandsche bibliographie van 1500 tot 1540. 's-Gravenhage: Nijhoff, 1923. 1002p.

Pagliaini, Attilio. Catalogo generale della librerta italiana 1846-1899: Indice per materie. v. 3. Milano: Assoc. Tip.-Libr. Ital. 1922.

——Catalogo generale. Secondo supplemento, 1911-1920. Fasc. 1-2, A-Bet. Milan: Hoepli, 1922. L. 16. per fasc.

Rosenbaum, Alfred. Beitrage zum deutschen Anonymen-Lexikon. (In Zeitschrift für Bücherfreunde, 1923 Heft 4, p. 77-88).

Sonnenschein, William Swan. Best books . . . 3d ed. pt. 3, Class F, History and historical biography; Class G, Archaeology and historical collaterals. London: Routledge; New York: Putnam, 1923. p. 1067-1678. 31s. 6d. $10.

Toronto. Public Library. Canadian catalogue of books published in Canada, as well as those written by Canadians, during 1921 and 1922. Toronto: Department of Education of Ontario, Public Libraries Branch, 1923. 20p.

Selling Travel Books at Syracuse

THE two young book tourists in the picture are among the many hundreds who have stopped at the main entrance of the Syracuse Public Library during the past month to look at the fine big Canadian Pacific map of the world, and see what is meant by the strings and labels attached to it.

"Ports of a Thousand Romances," by Fanny Butcher, printed in *The Bookman* and distributed by the National Association of Book Publishers, is the basis for the exhibit. The books mentioned are for the most part books of travel, but surely no one would want to cross the China Sea without Conrad's "Typhoon," Maugham's "On a Chinese Screen," Julian Streets "Mysterious Japan," Charmian London's "Our Hawaii" and Harry L. Foster's "Adventures of a Tropical Tramp" are among the titles that accompany the traveler eastward toward the Golden Gate.

THEY HAVE REACHED AUSTRALIA

"Maria Chapdelaine" is there for the Hudson Bay country, McFee's "An Ocean Tramp" in crossing the Atlantic, the "Head Hunters of the Amazon" for a brief excursion to South America, and so across the Atlantic thru the bewildering opportunities of travel in Europe. In Egypt "Hypatia" and "Innocents Abroad" stand side by side, and across Asia we travel "By Camel and Car to the Peacock Throne" with Major Powell, a suitable guide for Syracuse pilgrims since Syracuse is the globe trotting Major's home. town.

Prize for Peace Education Plan

An anonymous donor has given the World Federation of Education Associations $25,000, to be used as an award for the best plan which will bring to the world the greatest security from war.

The Federation joins the donor in the belief that such a reformation as the award is to promote must await the longer processes of education. A plan of education calculated to produce world amity is therefore desired. The distinct difference between this plan and the one called for by Mr. Edward Bok, is that this contest calls for a world-wide program of education to promote peace. The contest is open to all interested persons.

All manuscripts must be typewritten and must have adequate margins. The plan should contain a clear, concise set-up of not more than 2,500 words, with not more than an equal number of words in argument or clarifying statements.

Only one plan may be submitted by one person or organization.

Manuscripts should be unmarked, but should be accompanied by a plain, sealed envelope, unmarked, in which shall be given the author's name and address.

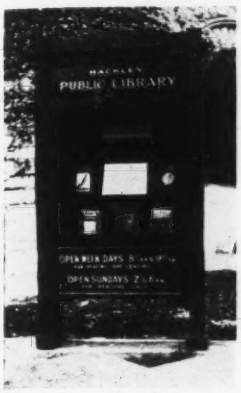
Plans must be submitted to Augustus O. Thomas, president of the World Federation of Education Associations, Augusta, Maine, U. S. A., bearing postmark not later than July 1, 1924.

Twelve thousand five hundred dollars of the award will be given when the plan is accepted and $12,500 when the plan is inaugurated.

The present membership of the A. L. A., according to the new Handbook, is 5669, fifteen less than the membership of 1922. Besides individual members there are 737 institutions, four affiliated national societies and thirty-four chapters of the Association included in the membership.

"Getting Across" in Muskegon

How an Inexpensive Publicity Campaign Brought Large Results, Told by Harold L. Wheeler, Librarian of the Hackley Public Library, Muskegon, Michigan.



BULLETIN AND EXHIBIT CASE

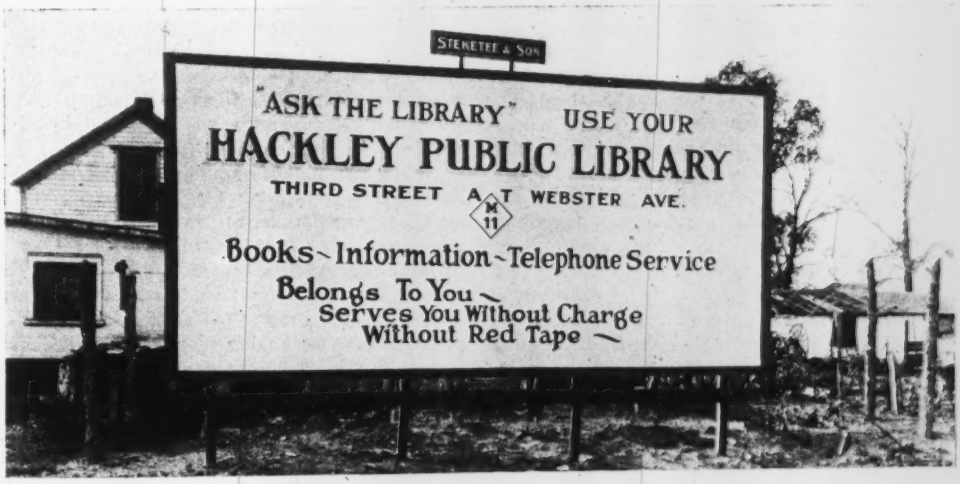
WHEN the reorganization and remodeling of the Hackley Public Library were completed in the summer of 1922,* there arose another big problem, that of popularizing the institution and making the public use of it justify what had been done and whatever else might be contemplated in future. The majority of the citizens were still indifferent or uninformed as to the complete change of policies and methods that had occurred, or the resources that the library offered. Here was a plant representing a considerable investment, capable of functioning on a fairly large scale, yet unappreciated by a large proportion of the public to whom it belonged, and consequently "producing" only to a fraction of its capacity. This was certainly not a paying investment for the tax-payers whose money it represented, and it was the business of the librarian and his staff to rectify the trouble. This meant publicity.

* Library Journal, v. 48, p. 615-618, July 1923.

We were amateurs at advertising, without previous experience; and there were no local advertising men to help us. So we did the best we could by "Using the Library" and "Finding it in Books."

A publicity campaign was planned, based on two elementary principles. The first of these was that advertising, to be successful, must be continuous. On this basis we considered and rejected the intensive "Library Week" plan, feeling that it would not fit well in our protracted campaign, and would require time, strength and energy disproportionate to its relative value. Here are some of the things we did in the effort to keep the library constantly in the minds of the public. Probably none of them was original with us.

Of course we used lists of books extensively; but instead of distributing them merely across the charging desk, we tried to get them to people who were not library users. We ran short lists on special subjects, such as "Salesmanship," "Office Methods," etc., in the evening paper. Each of these brought immediate returns. Appropriate lists were printed on the automobile page, in the farming section, and on the sporting page. From the birth notices in the daily paper, personal letters, were mailed with a list on "Better Babies," to all new mothers. Arrangements were made with the marriage license bureau to distribute a copy of the A. L. A. list "Useful Books for the Home,"



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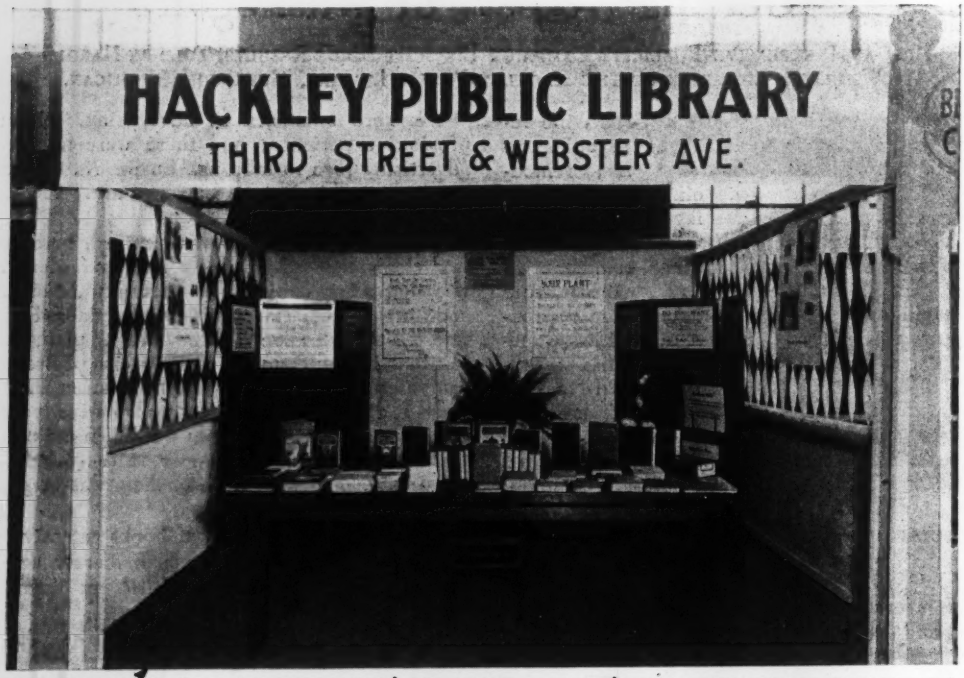

OPEN BOOTH USED AT THE MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' AND OTHER INDOOR EXPOSITIONS

with our imprint, to all young people applying for marriage licenses. A list on stenography and office methods was distributed by an assistant in person, door by door of the office buildings and main business streets. It took valuable time, but it paid, because in almost every office she answered questions, cleared up misunderstandings, established a personal contact, and left behind her a new impression of the library as a real business asset.

Library advertisements have been printed on the backs of telephone, electric light and other bills; slides were run in the movie theatres; permanent cards, eleven by fourteen inches, specially printed, were placed in the hotels, railroad stations and other public places, and occasionally Gaylord cards were placed in store windows. Free notarial service was installed and advertised. Cards measuring about four by six inches were placed under the glass dresser top in every bedroom of the principal hotels. Slips were put in pay envelopes at the factories and foundries. Large bill-boards, nine by twenty-one feet, were erected on two of the main state trunk highways leading into town. Unusually good sites for these were secured, without cost, on locations that would not have been available for commercial advertising.

Because, in any city, so many people have no idea where their library is—don't even know it exists—we have included on all our publicity material, even including the Gaylord signs, the address "Third Street and Webster Avenue: Two blocks rear of Occidental Hotel." By ready permission from the City Manager, a double faced steel sign was attached to the electric light post at the hotel corner on the main street, directing passers-by to the library.

All of these things, tho important as contributing to the element of constant repetition, of keeping the library always in the public's mind, were more or less minor methods. For our main effort, and for the principal results, we depended on another basic principle of advertising and selling: Display your goods. That is to say, we had a number of exhibits outside the library building. One of the first things we did, however, was to invite the Rotary and other noon-day business clubs to meet at the library after their respective luncheons. They came with practically no desertions on the way. We showed them the remodeled building, pointed out the business and technical departments, showed them the telephones on the reference desk and elsewhere, and explained how the library could be of practical use to them.

Three different types of exhibits were employed. Our very first publicity venture was a booth at an indoor "Farm Festival" conducted by the County Farm Bureau in the large local

EXHIBIT IN THE LOBBY OF THE PRINCIPAL BANK

armory. A space ten feet square was framed in and covered with crêpe paper, against which a few specially lettered cards were placed. On a standard seven-and-one-half-foot library table was arranged a general assortment of books, selected for subject content and front cover appeal. No fiction was included. We avoided having any fence or partition across the front of the booth, leaving it open, with the table full of books well to the front, so as to catch the casual or indifferent passer-by, who might not have troubled to come inside the entrance to a fenced-in booth. A few book-lists and leaflets were placed on the table, but not many, as we did not want to give the impression of tract-distributing missionary effort. A library assistant was on duty with the exhibit at all times. We did not register borrowers or issue books at any of our exhibits. We did take free "'reserves" and even did some reference work by telephone. A month later we repeated the exhibit, with minor modifications, when the Chamber of Commerce gave the library a booth at the "Merchants' and Manufacturers' Exhibit."

We then tried a much larger exhibit in the lobby of the principal bank, using a number of tables, and showing, with appropriate signs, groups on agriculture, "Better Business," "Books about your Job," books of interest to women, for foreigners, for the blind, "Books You've Always Meant to Read" (attractive editions of classics), etc. Most of the cards used were lettered by a professional sign painter, at an average cost of about a dollar and a quarter. In general we kept to the standard size, twenty-eight by twenty-two inches, for which the High School shops made us a supply of frames.

Altho large cards were run on the outside ends of the street cars and in store windows, advertising this bank exhibit, we felt that ninety-five per cent of the people who viewed it were patrons of that bank. We therefore repeated it, at intervals, in all the local banks, running it for a week or ten days in each case. A library assistant was always in attendance.

These armory and bank exhibits were immensely successful and were great business-getters. "I never supposed the library had this kind of books," was the general comment. We brought back to the fold innumerable people who "went into the library, once, three years ago, but couldn't get a thing I wanted; they told me to look in that index-thing and find a number; so I came out and said I'd never go into the place again." Hundreds of reserves were taken at these exhibits; and a very large increase in both registration and circulation accompanied and followed them.

A third type of exhibit was that in store windows. For our first and largest display of this type we borrowed from the Youngstown Public Library a large painting "Read Books about your Job." Smaller displays, without the painting, proved hardly less successful. Window displays lack the advantage of an assistant to explain and answer questions; but they reach and attract the casual passer-by who could be caught in no other way.

One other method of displaying our wares is by means of a combined sign, display-case and bulletin board erected on the corner front of the library building. The display case has two adjustable, removable glass shelves for books, and a bulletin board back to take a twenty-eight by twenty-two inch poster. This is our substitute for the display window we could not have.

In all our publicity we have emphasized business and technical books, and the practical value of books. There have been two ideas that we especially tried to "get across." The first was "No red tape." One of the hardest things we have had to combat is the public's experience that the local library was unusable. So we have stressed "No guarantor; no embarrassment; no delay; no inconvenience; just ask for what you want and take it with you."

The second idea we have tried to impart is the sense of personal ownership—that the library is not just a building to show visitors, but is a service plant that belongs to each citizen; that his tax money supports it (an innovation last year), and it serves a purpose in his daily life. So we used the word "your" wherever possible—"Your library," "Your plant," "Your money,"—and hammered at this idea of ownership all winter.

All this publicity has cost very little money. Thirty dollars would probably more than cover the entire expense, if we except the printed lists, the display case outside the library (cost $150) and the two bill boards (cost together about $150). The bill boards have just been erected and have yet to show their value. But they have already had this result—they are the library's contribution to the community's program of publicity for the tourist and summer resort business, the second largest industry in Michigan. They have occasioned tourist interest in the library, and hence in Muskegon; they therefore appeal to the local "booster" spirit, and have attracted general interest and favorable comment, all of which reacts to the library's benefit.

The net results of this very inexpensive program of publicity have been a circulation increase of forty-eight per cent for the fiscal year, and nearly that for the first half of another year, a rapid growth of worth-while reference work and of telephone service, greatly awakened public interest in the library, recognition of it as an important factor in the city's affairs, and a crystallized demand for county library service. We feel that, for the library, as for any other retail business, "it pays to advertise."

The Impoverishment of German Libraries

NATURALLY as the book prices rise the buying power of the libraries falls. The incomes of the libraries do not keep pace with the increasing costs. According to figures presented to the German Library Association in the spring of 1922, eight out of sixteen large German libraries did not have one-fourth of their pre-war purchasing power. In June 1922, Director Leyh of the Tubingen University Library made the statement that certain important serious German books were to be found only in one or two German libraries and that these books were of the type which in the old days would have been found in many libraries.

In the Spring of 1922, Director Leyh asked the governments of the individual states to meet the necessity of the hour by a grant of one million marks for the purchase of absolutely essential German books, and the Emergency Association was asked to provide for the purchase of the most necessary foreign books.

While key figures rose rapidly the library budgets remained almost stationary. At best a few hundred thousand marks were granted here and there, but they have not helped very much. Most efforts of amelioration of the condition of the libraries have failed. The inflation of the mark and the long time which necessarily elapsed between the ordering of a book and its receipt and the payment of the bill at a greatly increased price were among the reasons why the German libraries have fallen so far behind. A special grant of seventeen million marks for all the technical and university libraries of Prussia for 1922 was considered very generous. Up to April 1923, the Emergency Association was able to devote one hundred and sixty-one million marks towards the alleviation of the needs of German libraries. This was equivalent to about ten thousand dollars. According to the latest figures available, four thousand foreign books and eight hundred periodical subscriptions represents the sum total of what the Emergency Association has been able to do for German libraries.

The Prussian and Bavarian libraries being unable to buy the newly published books, can no longer fulfill their function as the archives of the German intellectual life, nor to offer scholars the tools of their professions.

Not only have the budgets of the libraries failed to keep pace with the increased costs of German books, but in the large field of foreign scientific books the libraries' decline is much more noticeable. Here the high exchange value of the dollar and English pound sterling have to be taken into consideration. A year's subscription to the great English learned societies usually costs from £1 to £4 which translated into marks makes a prohibitive price. In France, with the decline of the franc, prices have increased so rapidly that French journals are almost equally difficult for German libraries to secure. But it is absolutely necessary for university communities to have access to such periodicals as the *Philosophical Magazine* and the *Comptes Rendus Hebdomodaires*. It is not enough that one copy be found in Berlin and Munich for the occasional investigator, for even with the most liberal inter-library loan rules and with free mailing facilities, these two copies would not suffice for Germany. Too many investigators need access to these files.

Before the war the Royal Library of Berlin, now the Prussian State Library, received currently about twenty-three hundred foreign periodicals. In 1922-23 it was able to subscribe for about only two hundred of these. The Hamburg State and University Library before the war received currently about five hundred foreign periodicals. In the beginning of 1923 it was receiving only five! It is evident that the thoroness of German scientific investigation must suffer very seriously thru the lack of reasonable library facilities.

Professor Schreiber claims that Germany has suffered from the fact that the German libraries have not been able to keep up their files of the laws of foreign countries, and consequently they have not been available to members of mixed arbitration commissions meeting in Germany.* Much time and money can be wasted by experiments and investigations in German universities thru the lack of knowledge that the work has already been done in America or elsewhere, and perhaps the results duly written up in some American periodical. Much money could be saved by knowing of this in advance and the time and effort devoted to another piece of research. Only by keeping informed of what has been done by other investigators can the boundaries of science be extended economically and without duplication of work. Medical investigators, for example, can only advance their profession when they can keep in touch with the literature of their foreign colleagues.

Professor Schreiber goes on to say that the Germans have been accused of a lack of knowledge of the psychology of their opponents. Without access to foreign periodicals it will be difficult for Germans to be informed in regard to their neighbors. Professor Schreiber says that a kind of Chinese wall seems to be growing around them since they are more or less cut off from the life of their neighbors. Students of English and Romance languages will be greatly hampered by their inability to gain access to the current literature of the countries whose literature they are studying. Cross's "Life of Fielding" published at fifteen dollars, would have cost 310,000 marks in April 1923—an impossible price for any German university. The great work of Evans, "The Palace of Minos," costing £6 or 590,000 marks in April 1923, is the kind of book which before the war would have been bought in several copies by German libraries, institutions and some scholars; but with the growing impoverishment its purchase in Germany is out of the question. There are whole sections of literature of which not a single book now reaches Germany. Many of the large libraries are not able to buy even essential bibliographical tools and, consequently, scholars are not able to keep informed as to what is being published abroad. In conversation with representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation it developed that German scholars were not able to evaluate certain books and state their needs since they had not seen reviews of new foreign books.

I has been decided to offer new courses on the history and literature of foreign countries so as to give a better understanding of them. These courses require certain foreign books which German university libraries are not able to buy.

One university library reported under date of January 1922 that it was able to buy only two foreign books: the "English Catalogue" and the "Catalogue Général de la Librarie Française" (Lorenz). In addition to thirteen medical periodicals received thru the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation and a few Dutch publications which were secured thru a society in Holland interested in the dissemination of Dutch literature, this library had to rely upon the Emergency Association, the Germanistic Society, the Danish Academy of Science and the German Ambassador in Stockholm. Its chief needs were the leading English, French and Italian periodicals. *La Revue Critique. Comptes Rendus Hebdomodaires. La Revue Historique, La Revue de*

* "Die Not der deutschen Wissenschaft und der geistigen Arbeiter." Leipzig: Quell & Meyer, 1923.

Philologie, Annales de Chemie, and the *Annales de Physique,* can no longer be read in that particular university library. The two or three copies which the Emergency Association have bought for some of the large state libraries like Berlin and Munich do not help the distant university libraries which can borrow them only after a long wait.

Apart from the greatly decreased purchasing power of the income of the libraries, there are the great gaps of 1914-21. It has rightly been said that German libraries are like the scarred battle-fields in which there are big shell holes.

Another great burden is the increased cost of the physical upkeep, the maintenance and personnel. The fear has been expressed that it might be necessary to increase the student fees so as to take care of the cost of heating and lighting some of the reading rooms. The students might have to be asked to help pay where the State can no longer keep up the libraries, yet at the same time the students are in need of help.

In the official report of the executive committee of the Börsenverein dated May 14, 1922, it is pointed out that the book trade must be willing to sacrifice opportunities of profit in order to ameliorate the distress of the academic youth who were suffering from the lack of books and necessary apparatus. However, there was danger of giving the impression of merely foregoing excess profits when discounts amounting in some cases to twenty-five per cent of the selling price were given to needy students. A large percentage of the sales of certain manuals is made to students and consequently the discount given them interfered with the attempt to have a unified selling price. The erroneous idea gained currency that because the bookseller could reduce the selling price by twenty-five per cent, he was when not selling to a needy student, reaping an excess profit. This twenty-five per cent represented in many instances his entire margin and frequently the retailer sold at a loss, especially if he figured in overhead expenses. In view of this and in order to maintain a uniform selling price, it was suggested in January, 1922, at a conference at which were present representatives of the German Publishers' Association, and delegates from student associations, that the book trade should not be the only constant source from which assistance was to be sought, for it is not possible for the book trade alone to give any extensive assistance and the book trade should not be asked to bear all the sacrifices which would supply material for cultural and intellectual development. There was shown a willingness to extend a loan to the student bureaus or to the retail booksellers (to the latter for the purpose of turning it over to the former) whereby the student bureaus would be able to give assistance to needy students for the purpose of purchasing books. Repayment of the loans were to be made thru the retail book sellers handling the sales. The representatives of the Marburg book trade accepted the idea, but those from Freiburg rejected it. Consequently, the plan had only a partial trial and only partial success.

The financial distress from which the libraries of all kinds have suffered has shown itself in their attempt to purchase books at minimum cost. The demands of the public libraries were the greatest and most insistent. All of the petitions presented by them to the book trade sought to eliminate the retailers' price addition and in some instances, sought even a reduction of the established selling price. They based their demands upon the fact that in selling to libraries the retailer was spared the labor usually expended upon customers in giving them counsel in regard to book selection. The idea, however, was not acceptable to the book trade. The booksellers maintained that it was impossible to differentiate so closely between the component parts of book selling. They argued that recognition of the libraries' claims on this score would lead to a point where the bookseller would have to make an additional charge to a customer in case he gave him exceptional counsel at the time of purchase! The booksellers also called attention to the fact that libraries were especially anxious to make use of the privilege of having books sent to them on inspection,—a courtesy for which no charge was made even tho many items so sent were returned.

Certain publishers have sometimes been moved to present to German institutional libraries items for which they are in need and for which they cannot afford to pay. In the case of one chemical manual announced at $24 and then later raised to $45, copies of which were presented by the publisher to German libraries, objection was raised by American purchasers that they were asked to pay for the presentation copies thru the increased price. American chemists complained of the "Let America pay for it" attitude. The complaint was unjustifiable, in the opinion of the German publishers. German libraries simply could not buy these books and the presentation of copies to German libraries did not affect the foreign price. When the publisher saw that the German sales on which he had counted were not going to materialize he simply had to raise the foreign price in order to get his money back, and it made no financial difference whether he gave a few dozen copies to German libraries or kept these copies in his unsold stock.

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The Story of the St. Louis Library School

By ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK, Director

THE beginnings of the St. Louis Library School date from the year 1905, when a class of apprentices was formed in the Library under the instruction of Miss Elsie Miller (after Mrs. Jesse Cunningham) then the Chief of the Stations Department. As in other libraries, the formation of this class was due to the necessity for some kind of systematic training of candidates for admission to the library staff. Miss Miller undertook the work of instruction in addition to her other duties and was able to give to it only one month at a time, this being the maximum amount of instruction then received by entering apprentices.

In October, 1909, the present writer began his work as librarian, and one of his first official acts was to plan for the enlarging of this course so it would cover an academic year and to place it in charge of an instructor who should have no other duties. He was most fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Harriet P. Sawyer, then an instructor in the Wisconsin Library School at Madison. Mrs. Sawyer organized the course, has remained at the head of the institution thru its various improvements and enlargements, all of which she has supervised, and has given it whole-hearted service often at much personal sacrifice. The enlarged class began to function in 1910, amid many predictions that it could not succeed under local conditions—the length of the course, the fact that members of the class were no longer to be salaried, and the general increase of requirements were more than enough, it was feared, to bar out likely candidates. In spite of these gloomy forebodings, the class, during its seven years' existence, was continually filled with students of a satisfactory type.

We soon began to have in mind the establishment in St. Louis of a library school of the first class, which should train for general library work as well as for that of this particular institution. After a thoro examination of the different financial guarantees under which American library schools were then operated, it seemed to the library authorities at St. Louis that the best endowment that a school could have was the taxing power of a wealthy community and that there was thus no objection to operating a school directly as a department of the Public Library. Other advantages of this course were considered to be the fact that most students in a school of this character expect to go directly into public library work and that its close connection with a large institution doing this type of work would enable the teaching to be done amid the best surroundings and under the most satisfactory auspices. The authorities at St. Louis did not then, and do not now, sympathize in the least degree with the contention that a library school should properly be operated only by a college or university.

This decision having been made, no time was lost in putting it into execution and in 1917 the class was expanded into a library school of standard grade, the recommendations of the Association of American Library Schools with regard to the number of instructors, the character and length of the courses, etc., being followed in every instance.

Satisfactory operation of the school under these conditions, with inspection by the proper officers of the Association in due course, was followed by the reception of the school into the Association of American Library Schools in 1921. Its principal, Mrs. Sawyer, was chosen President of the Association at its annual meeting last June.

The school has graduated six classes, totaling ninety-two persons, and has in its present class —that of 1924—twenty-four students. The graduates now hold positions in nine states. An Association of the Alumnae was formed in 1921. This Association has co-operated with the Recruiting Committee of the American Library Association in efforts to interest students in library training.

Gifts for German Librarians

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of November 23, enclosing check for $100, and to thank you most sincerely.

Your request that this sum shall be distributed among German librarians, both in and outside of Berlin, will be strictly carried out. The various acknowledgments as received by the Chamber will be sent to you.

The Chamber deeply appreciates your generous action, and also the publication in the JOURNAL of the Chamber's appeal. Please be assured that your substantial contribution will produce much cheer to a number of German librarians, whose condition is deplorable.

Should additional funds be received by you as a result of your circulation of our appeal, we suggest that they be deposited to the credit of the "American Chamber of Commerce in Germany (Berlin)" with the Seaboard National Bank, Foreign Department, 59 Broad Street, New York City. We believe this method will be easier for you, and furthermore, does not involve any risk in using the mails. . . .

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY.

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THE 1923 conference of the A. L. A. at Arkansas Hot Springs had a creditable attendance, close upon 700, despite the remoteness which prevented the usual local accessions to the membership of the Association, so that the six thousand point has not yet been reached and there has indeed been a net fall of fifteen in membership to 5669. This conference proved a useful stimulus for Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and will prove helpful to the new Arkansas Library Commission, the forty-third in this country and Canada. The regional meetings were noteworthy, not simply for those of the Associations in the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest, but for others such as those at Providence, and during "Library Week" at Lake George, at both of which, as well as at Atlantic City and in western centres several state associations joined for useful sessions. There are now thirty-six state and other associations affiliated with the A. L. A., and a new departure is the quite informal organization of the "large librarians." The A. L. A. itself has made notable extension of its committee work into several fields, important results of which may be developed for later announcement. The favorable mention in President Coolidge's message of the proposed establishment of a Department of Education has given strength to that endeavor and to the inclusion in the Department of an extended Division of Libraries.

THE library year 1923 was chiefly notable for the munificent and magnificent gift of six million dollars by three citizens of New York, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., H. Payne Whitney and Edward S. Harkness to the New York Public Library, which set an example of private generosity that should indeed be fruitful. Another outstanding gift was that of Mr. William L. Clements to his Alma Mater, the University of Michigan, of the Clements library building, completely equipped and containing his splendid collection of Americana, the work of a lifetime. The Carnegie Corporation, under its new president Dr. Frederic P. Keppel, has resumed grants for libraries, with a liberal appropriation of $200,000 for the proposed Sixteenth Street branch of the Carnegie Public Library of the District of Columbia, and has also made welcome grants for several phases of A. L. A. work, $15,000 for the American Library at Paris, $10,000 for Library Training Board development and $5,000 for a library school textbook. The Laura Spelman Rockefeller fund made a grant of $10,000 to insure the undertaking of the Union List of Periodicals, arranged for by library co-operation, and it may here be noted that efforts are being made to secure the completion of the Sabin Dictionary and the Evans chronological catalog of Americana.

OTHER notable buildings of the year were the noble Stetson building at Williams College and the exquisite edifice of the Wilmington Public Library, the successor of the Institute library dating from 1788. Corner-stones were formally placed in position by the Cleveland Public Library, its steel structure about completed, in the presence of a huge crowd drawn by Lloyd George as magnet; by the Philadelphia Public Library for the magnificent edifice on the new Parkway, already finished in exterior and to be ready for occupancy late in 1924; and by the University of Minnesota for its worthy library building. The Yale announcement proved premature as so far only the site for the Sterling library building has been decided upon, the plans have not been made and the name of the architect has not been announced.

THE Association lost by death one of the few survivors of the 1876 conference in William T. Peoples, associated for a lifetime with the New York Mercantile Library, leaving only five members who were present at that initial gathering. The venerable Dr. Sherman Williams, active almost to the close of his life, passed away soon after his retirement from the post which he had made so important in New York State library work. Miss Anna C. Tyler, of the Children's Department of the New York Public Library, left her memorial for the

children's room in her volume of "Twenty-four Unusual Stories," published two years since. Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, librarian of Michigan, passed away after forty years of library service to that commonwealth. Our English brethren suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Francis J. H. Jenkinson, the great librarian of Cambridge University. Miss Caroline F. Webster is lost to library work by engulfment in the sea of matrimony as Mrs. Louis D. Lovett.

THE changes in library personnel, tho many, have been chiefly in special fields, as among business librarians, tho it may be noted that several library commissions have suffered losses, North Dakota thru Miss Mary E. Downey's acceptance of the librarianship of Denison College, Granville, Ohio; Georgia by Miss Charlotte Templeton's removal to Greenville, S. C., as public librarian; New Hampshire thru Miss Grace E. Kingsland's accepting the librarianship of the Howe Library at Hanover; Vermont by Miss Julia C. Carter's appointment as librarian of the Normal School of Bridgewater, Mass.; and North Carolina by Miss Mary B. Palmer's retirement. Arthur R. Curry fills the secretaryship of the Indiana Commission made vacant by William J. Hamilton's resignation. In major posts there is the noteworthy fact that the right man is in the right place in so many localities that we are beginning to record the fulfillment of long service, as in the fact that Herbert Putnam will, in March, 1924, complete a quarter-century of great achievement as head of the Library of Congress, Prof. E. C. Richardson has completed a third of a century service in relation with Princeton, and Lane at Harvard, Bolton at the Boston Athenaeum, and Johnson Brigham as Iowa state librarian, have completed their quarter century. Mr. H. W. Wilson has been the recipient of deserved congratulations for the completion of twenty-five years of good work by the Company which he organized as an under-graduate of the University of Minnesota. A happy example of longevity in service is that of Mr. G. M. Abbott, for sixty years with the Library Company of Philadelphia.

INTERNATIONAL co-operation, promoted by sympathy for afflicted countries, has been an exceptional feature of the year. Work at Louvain has been suspended because of lack of funds, but a new effort is to be made in this direction. The work in the devastated regions of France has gone forward nobly, thru help of Miss Anne Morgan's Committee, which also is responsible for a grant of $50,000 for the training of French librarians with this work specially in view thru the new library school in Paris. The American library there is still a radiating centre for good work which finds its result in many European countries. The Laura Spelman Rockefeller fund has also made a grant of $10,000 for books for European libraries. An endeavor has been made, tho so far without adequate result, to do something toward feeding the starving librarians of Germany whose empty stomachs are not helped by discussion as to the accumulation of wealth by German industrials in other countries. Japan's overwhelming library losses have met with better response from American libraries, and Professor Takayanagi, of the University of Tokyo, is already in the East completing arrangements for collection and transport of gifts of books, which it is hoped may reach well toward one hundred thousand volumes. He has already established receiving stations at Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans and New York, and his excellent plans will be fully stated in later issues.

LIBRARIANS of kindly and sympathetic nature should steel their hearts against the doubles or relatives of particular friends who visit them with the intention of asking or being spontaneously offered a little loan because of unusual happenings in travel. The latest case reported is from a double whose signature was not unlike that of Mr. Henry M. Gill, of the New Orleans Public Library, whose story was that he had journeyed in an automobile from New Orleans nearly to Trenton, where he was set upon by two bandits who took from him at the point of a pistol his automobile and most of his valuables, and as his family was to join him the next day he was rather hard put to it. He did not ask money, but accepted a small loan for immediate repayment. A letter some weeks after to the real Mr. Gill produced the information that that gentleman never owned an automobile, never was near Trenton, and never borrowed $10 from the loaner or anybody else. Other cases less imaginatively interesting are reported, and of course it is easy to obtain names in the Library Directory of those who seem to have a large acquaintance among librarians. A word to the unwise!

CALENDAR

Jan. 15. At the New York State Chamber of Commerce, 65 Liberty Street, New York City. New York Special Libraries Association's dinner at 6:30. Secretary, Elsa Loeber, librarian of the Chamber of Commerce.

Jan. 15. Syracuse Friends of Reading. Program to be provided by representatives of the University.

April 28-30. Pasadena. California Library Association.

June 29-July 4. Washington, D. C. National Education Association.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS

SPECIAL LIBRARIES COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

THE December meeting took the form of a pilgrimage to Wilmington, Delaware, where it was met by Miss Noyes, Miss Fairbanks and Miss Liebmann, and taken first to the Technical Library of the Hercules Powder Company. This library, with Miss Fairbanks as hostess, was very interesting in its fine collection of books and magazines on chemistry, explosives, and allied subjects. Thence a short distance to the library of the Du Pont de Nemours Company, where Miss Liebmann showed here an especially fine collection of bound sets of chemical magazines, both foreign and American. Details of classification and other matters had interest enough to make the hour very full and insufficient; but the new Wilmington Public Library was waiting so the procession moved on thru the Du Pont Hotel and across the street.

The persons who really ought to see this library are the trustees and architects who manage and plan other libraries. Mr. Bailey and his assistants each took half the group and went over the entire building, whose engine rooms even were fascinating.

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

THE first biennial meeting and fourteenth meeting of the North Carolina Library Association was held at Winston-Salem, November 22-23. President Louis R. Wilson reported that the committee on a county library law did not submit a law before the Legislative Committee as provision had already been made in the public library law, but had made a survey of library resources in Guilford, Orange and Wayne counties. In the summer and fall of 1922 seven district meetings were arranged with a total attendance of 133.

Mary Flournoy, of the state library commission, related most amusingly the adventures of the library organizer among the plain folk of the highways and byways. Gerald E. Johnson, of the Greensboro *Daily News*, gave an "intellectual audit" of the state. It is not often that librarians are so privileged to hear the public's view of their profession. A banquet was held in the evening at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

Friday morning's session was featured by several enthusiastic addresses. The first was delivered by Dr. J. H. Highsmith, state high school inspector, on the high school library. Susan Fulgham, of the Department of Public Instruction, discussed the elementary school library. Mrs. Ruth H. Koos, librarian of the Richard J. Reynolds Memorial High school library, told of the work being done in that institution. Gertrude Stiles, of the National Bindery Company, spoke on book binding and mending.

The meeting then broke up into sections. The college library section met with Charles B. Shaw, of the library of the North Carolina College for Women, as the leader. "Selling the Library to the Students," was the subject handled by Katharine C. Ricks, of Guilford College Library. The "Measuring Stick" for libraries and teacher training institutions was discussed by J. P. Breedlove, of the Trinity College library. The paper on past and future needs for professional training in North Carolina, by Louis R. Wilson, will appear in an early number of the LIBRARY JOURNAL.

The public library section met under the leadership of Anne Pierce, of Charlotte. Nellie E. Rowe, of the Greensboro library, spoke on the individual's responsibility to his profession. Abuse of library privileges was discussed by Mrs. A. F. Griggs, of Durham. New wrinkles in loan work were discussed by Valeria Easton, of the Charlotte library. Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem College, spoke on the inspiration of books.

The Trustee section met with E. P. Wharton, of Greensboro, as leader. Donald Gillis, of Asheville's library board, discussed "Why I am a Trustee," and Rev. Douglas Rights, of Winston, the relation of the library to the Trustee.

The high school library section, the first meeting of this division in the state, met with Mrs. Ruth H. Koos as the leader. Prof. John J. Blair, of the state department of education, discussed physical standards for the high school library. The importance of the high school library was the topic of Prof. R. H. Latham, superintendent of the Winston-Salem schools. Mrs. Robert Orr, of the Greensboro city schools, spoke on cooperation between teacher and librarian, and Miss Flournoy discussed modified classifications for the high school library.

Immediately following the morning session, the Association went to the R. J. Reynolds High school where luncheon was served by the domestic science department. The afternoon meeting was given wholly to business. The following list of officers were elected for the ensuing two years:

Officers for the biennium are: President,

Charles B. Shaw, Greensboro; vice-presidents, Eva E. Malone, Trinity College, and Lottie E. Blake, Gastonia; secretary, Clara M. Crawford, Durham; treasurer, Alma I. Stone, Chapel Hill.

Mary B. Palmer read the Constitution of the Southeastern Library Association, which was adopted by the North Carolina chapter, and Mrs. Marie F. Kilburn designated its representative at the next meeting. Mrs. A. F. Griggs was chosen to represent the North Carolina Library Association on the Council of the A. L. A.

The final session was held at Salem College, and consisted of a musical program under the direction of Dean Shirley of the College, and an address on North Carolina's lack of interest in books and reading, under the caption—"Our Most Startling Statistic" by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the United States Naval Academy.

CLARA M. CRAWFORD, *Secretary.*

TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

THE Texas Library Association held its annual meeting in San Antonio, November 26-28, President Elva Bascom presiding.

After a welcome by Mr. Nat Washer, to which a response was made by the President, Adina De Zavala spoke on "Historical San Antonio." The two people most instrumental in securing a library for Beaumont, Mrs. J. L. Cunningham and Captain W. C. Tyrrell then told about the plans for the library. The building which is to house the library was given to Beaumont by Captain Tyrrell on the condition that the city make provisions for the establishment and maintenance of the library by means of a three-cent tax on the $100 valuation for the first year, with the addition of one cent for each succeeding year until the amount reaches ten cents.

On Tuesday morning reports of the standing and special committees were given. Of these reports perhaps that of the Legislative Committee was of most general interest as it covered all the states. The tendency manifested the last few years in the abolishment and consolidation of goverment agencies was reflected this year in library legislation in Tennessee, Pensylvania, and Vermont. In each case the Library Commission or State Library was put under the Department of Education. Certification did not receive much attention in the different states and there was little school library legislation. The economy wave over the country affected county library legislation, Ohio having been more fortunate than any other state in that several changes were made in the law of 1921 and an appropriation was made for a county library organizer.

An interesting and practical address on "Some Problems of a Texas Town" was made by Dr. Max S. Handman, professor of sociology at the University of Texas. Following, Elizabeth H. West gave an introduction to the exhibits, which included a splendid collection of documents and pamphlets, children's books, county libraries, Indians of Texas, and commercial exhibits.

Noon conferences were held with leaders as follows: Book selection, Ethel Simmons; children's work, Leah Carter Johnston; classifying and cataloging, Julia Grothaus; college library problems, Dorothy Annan.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Julia Ideson of the Houston Public Library gave an interesting talk on "The Apportionment of the Library Budget," after which State Librarian Elizabeth H. West gave a review of the year's library events in Texas. She spoke of the donation of a library building in Beaumont; the quickening interest in county libraries, Texas now having six county libraries in operation and campaigns started in other counties; new subscription libraries started in several towns; maturing of plans for the new Houston Public Library building. Ruth Durand Sawyer of Ithaca, N. Y., made a very delightful talk on Story Telling.

On Tuesday a dinner celebrated the twenty-first birthday of the Texas Library Association. After dinner an illustrated address on the development of the book was given by Ernest W. Winkler, librarian of the University of Texas.

At the Wednesday morning session devoted to the ten books of the year that have proved most helpful, papers were read on classed books, by Louise Franklin; fiction, Pauline Tittle; children's books, Ruth Theobald; and public documents by Mrs. Maud D. Sullivan.

Two of the motions that were passed at the business meeting were in regard to a survey of Texas libraries. One authorized the State Chairman of the Committee on Education of the A. L. A. to use T. L. A. money in supplying the State Superintendent of Instruction with questionnaires in regard to school libraries to be sent out annually to the high schools of the state. The other expressed the desire of the Association that libraries be included in the investigation and reports of the educational survey of the state which was authorized by the last legislature. A uniform open-book design for a county library sign was adopted for the state of Texas, the color and wording of the sign being left to the individual county libraries.

The Association will not meet again until 1925, as the meetings alternate with those of the Southwestern Library Association.

Officers for the next biennium are: President, Mrs. Maud D. Sullivan, El Paso; vice-presidents, Cleora Clanton of Dallas, and F. K. Strecker of Waco; secretary, Julia Grothaus of San Antonio; treasurer, Mr. W. N. Daniells, Austin.

LENOIR DIMMITT, *Secretary.*

THE OPEN ROUND TABLE

WANTED: A CODE FOR LIBRARY JOKES

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

It was my privilege to attend the recent meeting of the New Jersey Library Association at Jersey City. One of the speakers at this meeting spoke upon the time-worn subject of library publicity. He said little that was new to his hearers and devoted a good share of the time allotted him to relating jokes and anecdotes about libraries, librarians and books.

In the course of a year I attend many such library meetings and have been impressed by the amount of time wasted by speakers, generally librarians with little oratorical training, in telling the supposedly humorous stories which custom has dictated should be part of every library address. The speaker at Jersey City brought this fact forcibly to my mind. Library jokes have become standardized to the same extent as library systems of cataloging and charging books. But unlike the latter they have never been codified.

I recall an A. L. A. meeting on a mountain top at which Mr. Ranck of Grand Rapids calculated the number of steps wasted by library patrons when the library was situated some distance from the sidewalk. I wish he would make a similar calculation of the number of hours of time wasted by librarians at their meetings in listening to speakers relate the time-honored jokes of the profession. The result would be amazing.

May I suggest that someone codify library jokes? Take, for instance, one of those used by the speaker at Jersey City. Hoary with age (the joke, not the speaker) and well known to all of us, it is the one about the shop girl deciding not to give her friend a book for Christmas, declaring exultantly, "No, she has a book!" This might be listed as joke No. 1, and hereafter speakers might refer to that number in their addresses.

EDITOR, *Gaylord's Triangle.*

TEMPORARY FADS

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

I always encuraj yung librarians to think independently and not to fear to ask 'why is this done' of any process or method about which they ar in dout, but sum go to an extreme. They ar anxius to make sum revofutionary discovery or improvement and ar eager to find sumthing to chanje.

Sum hav not lernd the lesson that the presumtion is that their precedessors hav tested the varius methods and chosen the best. It is as danjerus to assume that everything that is is rong as it is to assume that everything that is is ryt.

I hav litl faith in the man that turns his crank all thru life and never improves his methods, but I hav seen, hundreds of times socald improvements that wer merely going bak to ways that after thoro test had been abandond as inefficient; e. g., 50 years ago not a few libraries arranjed their books on the shelves alfabetically with binder's letring as the only gyd. Tests showd that books wer constantly misplaced and that it took much longer to find or return accurately than it did to translate the author's name into Arabic numerals. To uze a singl initial had the advantaj of marking the beginning of the book number but either the Cutter or Cutter-Sandborn tables with initials or the Merrill numbers as used at Crerar Library gav betr results than to try to alfabet without such aids. There hav been no chanjed conditions. Human eyes and brains work as they did when tests proved the saving by translating names into compact symbol for book number; yet I hav herd of several cases where libraries hav been advised by peopl who o't to have known of these experiments and results, not to uze book numbers and I hav also herd of sum who have taken this advice and then found themselves compeld to go bak to the betr way.

I sugjest that the A. L. A. comitee on library methods conduct a new and thoro experiment that wil demonstrate the relativ speed and accuracy of the 2 methods, so that librarians and trustees shal not be misled by bad advice from the inexpert.

MELVIL DEWEY.

The Department of Philosophy and Psychology of the University of Iowa, under the direction of Edwin D. Starbuck, professor of philosophy, is preparing a report on character education methods to include a complete bibliography. This is the outcome of the winning by the Iowa Committee, of which Professor Starbuck was chairman, of the $20,000 prize for the best statement of character education methods awarded by the Character Education Institution, Washington, D. C. The university is establishing a bureau of research in character training, a feature of which will be a permanent reference library.

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CONNECTICUT

New Haven. After several years of study the Yale Corporation has decided to place the library within the two blocks bounded by High and York, Elm and Grove Streets. These blocks are in the physical center of the University and of the city. Further details will be announced shortly. Two statements in our last number were incorrect. The name of the architect has not been announced; and the cost of the building has not yet been decided.

NEW YORK

New York City. The following open courses are offered by the Library School of the New York Public Library during its second semester, February to May:

Book selection. A course of twelve lectures on Modern French literature by Professor A. I. du P. Coleman, College of the City of New York. Monday, 9:30.

Library administation. Lecturers: Ordway Tead, McGraw-Hill Book Co.; Dr. H. O. Rugg, Teachers College; and others. Monday, 5 o'clock.

Teaching methods and public presentation. Lecturers: Dr. A. I. Gates, Dr. H. O. Rugg, Dr. J. F. Hosic, associate professors of Education, Teachers College; and Jane Dorsey, Instructor of Speech, Teachers College. Tuesday, 5 o'clock.

Art and the Book. Lecturers: Elmer Adler, Pynson Printer; Henrietta Bartlett, bibliographer; Ruth Shepard Granniss, librarian of the Grolier Club; Belle da Costa Greene, librarian of the Pierpont Morgan Library; Alice Lerch, New York Public Library. Wednesday, 11 o'clock.

Special library work: Various speakers. Wednesday, at 5:30.

Literature of history, biography and geography. Lecturers: Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, associate professor of history, Columbia University; Dr. W. R. Bryan, Columbia University; Charles F. McCombs and Victor Paltsits, N. Y. P. L.; John K. Wright, librarian, American Geographical Society. Thursday at 9:30.

School library work. Various speakers. Friday, 4:30.

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For the Mount Pleasant Branch of the Public Library of the District of Columbia the Carnegie Corporation has given $200,000 which will make possible the erection of a large and handsome structure in harmony with other fine buildings in the vicinity of Lamont and upper 16th Streets. An appropriation of $25,000 made by Congress has provided the site and ground is to be broken shortly for the building designed by Edward L. Tilton after the Massimi Palace in Rome.

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MISSOURI

Kansas City. The Public Library, which observed its fiftieth anniversary December 5, 1923, had its beginning in eight books purchased for the Central high school. The collection grew rapidly, and the library was made an official reality by order of the Board of Education in December, 1873. It became too large an affair to be handled as part of the duties of the superintendent of schools, and in 1881 Mrs. Carrie Westlake Whitney was made librarian, a position which she held for thirty years. Free cards were first given to residents in 1897, altho high school students and grammar grade pupils had not been required to pay for cards for some years previous. The formal opening of the present library building took place September 1, 1897. The first branch library, opened in 1899, has been followed by thirteen others. During the free period 12,521,601 books were circulated up to June 30, 1923, one-third of these being lent in the past four years. There are 91,170 registered card holders, or about one in every four inhabitants. Expenditures on the library, Museum, and Nelson Gallery of Art amount to 64 cents per capita a year.

ARGENTINA

Public squares and parks of the city of Buenos Aires soon will be provided with small public libraries set up in the open air. The municipality has given its approval to a model design consisting of a white-painted bookcase with ten foot shelves, metal curtains, an overhanging roof, and a bench for the caretaker, where readers may sit to examine the books they wish to borrow.—*Bulletin* of the Vermont State Board of Education Library Department.

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CURRENT LITERATURE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

Librarians and students who use "Minerva," the annual of learned institutions, will be interested in an article in the *Literary Review* (New York) of November 24, 1923, entitled "Minerva, 1923," by M. Aurousseau.

The first two Lantern Lists Zaidee Brown's plan for the compilation of which was given in the LIBRARY JOURNAL for September 15, p. 662, are now ready for distribution. These are Books of Adventure and Cheerful Books. Orders should be sent to the office of Lantern Lists, 958 University Avenue, New York.

The Chicago Public Library has published an illustrated report of the proceedings at the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary January 1, 4, and 6, 1923, of which some account was given in the LIBRARY JOURNAL for February 15, 1923. An historical introduction is followed by a full report of the addresses at the official exercises on January 1; the public conference January 4, when addresses were made by Lorado Taft, Henry B. Fuller, and Walter Dill Scott, among others; and concludes with the program of the children's celebration on January 6.

By an oversight in the printing of the indexes for volume 134 of the *Outlook* (May to August, 1923) paper of the former page size was used, this being half-an-inch smaller than the enlarged form of the periodical as issued since last May. On discovering the error the publishers have reprinted this index on stock uniform in size with the present form of the weekly issues, and offer to supply this larger reprint to all libraries binding the *Outlook*.

The *Page* of the New York Public Library Staff Association opens its third volume with an 8-page special Christmas number, the first of a new printed series, edited by Hilah Paulmier, Louis H. Fox and Carl H. Cannon. Succeeding numbers may not exceed four pages in length, but the *Page* will be neither flippant and undignified nor dry and didactic while it aims to "attract and hold the interest of the young people . . . and also interest those who have been long in the service." Notes on the Regents rules as they affect the New York system on the Library's plans for pensions and on the Staff Association's many co-operative activities—store, cafeteria, book club—make this new comer a welcome addition.

Library Logic is to be edited by Forrest B. Spaulding, and published monthly on the syndicate plan by Gaylord Brothers. Each number is to consist of 4 small pages, illustrated, and will contain news of general interest concerning libraries and library work. *Library Logic* is written for the busy citizen who fails to realize the importance of a library in his community. It is suited for distribution to Rotary, Kiwanis, Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, etc., members, and at banks, public buildings, prominent stores. The first number is dated February, 1924, and delivery is guaranteed on or before the 25th of the month preceding date of issue (excepting Pacific Coast states) if order is received before the 5th of the month.

The completion of the ambitious and scholarly "Catalogue* of the Printed Books in the Library of the University of Edinburgh," deserves more than passing attention. The three volumes are not only attractive and pleasant in appearance and in typography, but they mark a real achievement in this era of rapidly expanding libraries. Coupled with the two catalogs of the London Library they show what is still possible in this age of the card catalog, a handy and usable printed catalog of a library of good size and high standing. The work seems very well done. It is an author-catalog, including, however, a considerable number of subject entries under personal and local headings. An author-catalog is exactly what university faculties and students want for at least three-fourths of their inquiries.

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The revision, which will be carried down to the end of the eighteenth century, will embrace all the printed books, including incunabula, which have been published both within the State and the foreign countries, and all which are now both in Czechoslovakia and in other foreign libraries. The collaboration of foreign librarians will be greatly appreciated with regard to the Czech printed books in their libraries.

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P. Pratt Institute School of Library Science.
R. Riverside Library School.
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Syr. Syracuse University Library School.
U.C. University of California Course in Library Science.
W.R. Western Reserve Library School.
Wis. Wisconsin University Library School.
Wash. University of Washington Library School.

BAUMLER, Jane E., 1917 S., head of the Intermediate Department of the Utica Public Library, has been granted six months' leave to serve as field librarian for Gaylord Brothers at Syracuse, N. Y.

BALDWIN, Bessie R., 1901 P., formerly librarian of the James Memorial Library at Williston, N. D., has become head of the traveling library department of the State Library Commission at Bismarck.

CLARK, Elizabeth K., 1907 P., chief cataloger at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, has been made head of the catalog department of the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library.

FORD, Charlotte, 1918 S., resigned her position with the Goldwyn Picture Corporation in October.

FRANKHAUSER, Mrs. —, appointed Michigan State Librarian in succession to the late Mary C. Spencer.

DELANEY, Ruth, 1923 L. A., appointed librarian of the General Petroleum Company, Los Angeles.

HEGEMAN, Eleanor E., 1905 P., formerly in the Public Health Service in Washington, has taken the position of assistant librarian at the Engineer School of the Army.

HENDERSON, Isabel L., appointed Librarian's Secretary of the Brooklyn Public Library, succeeding Mary Casamajor, January 1st. Miss Henderson has been a member of the Staff of the library since 1913, and at present is branch librarian of the Brownsville Branch.

HOLT, Sigrid C., 1916-17 N. Y. P. L., appointed librarian, North American Company, 60 Broadway, New York City.

JOHNSTON, Mary J., 1916 C. P., is now librarian of the Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.

KELLY, Genevieve, 1918 L. A., has resigned her position in the U. S. Children's Bureau to become librarian and research assistant in the Scripps Foundation for research in population problems in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

LANNING, Catherine M., 1919 C. P., has resigned as children's librarian in Seattle, to become supervisor of clubs and story-telling at the Philadelphia Public Library.

MCMASTER, Virginia, 1914 C. P., appointed librarian, High School Library, New Castle, Pa.

ORR, Grace, 1922 S., is doing temporary work at the Norfolk House Center Library, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

REYNAUD, Annette M., 1914-15 N. Y. P. L., appointed assistant scenario editor and research assistant, Thomas Ince Studios, Culver City, Calif.

ROLSTON, Martha J., 1921-22 N. Y. P. L., appointed assistant librarian, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

SCHNARENDORF, Laura V., 1911-13 N. Y. P. L., appointed librarian, Y. W. C. A. National Board, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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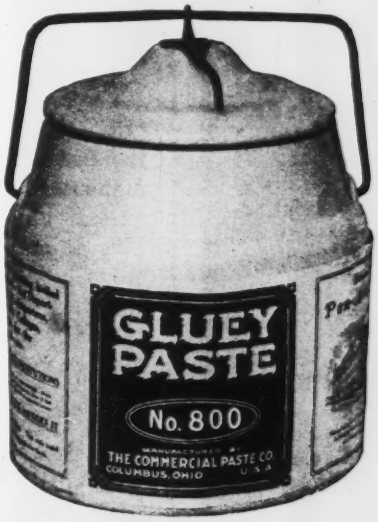

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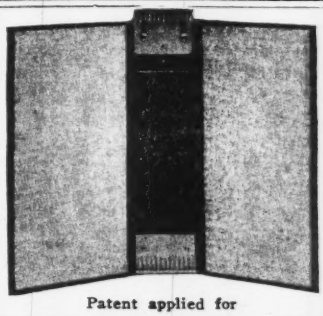

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